

DECEMBER 26th, 2021

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

1 Chronicles 1:1-54

In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in First Chronicles, the 13th book of the Bible.

TODAY'S SERVICE

- 1. Hymn #206 "Angels, from the Realm of Glory"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #211 "There's a Song in the Air!"
- 4. Hymn #212 "Who Is He in Yonder Stall?"
- 5. Hymn #216 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
- 6. Reading: Pastor Jon Cardwell
- 7. Message: "Christ's Perfect Imperfect Church"
- 8. Hymn #286 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
- 9. Benediction
- 10. Sing-spiration & Devotional, 6 p.m. w/left-over fellowship following





CHRIST'S PERFECT IMPERFECT CHURCH

Adam, Seth, Enosh; Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared; Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; Noah... 1 Chronicles 1:1-4, ESV

I. HISTORICAL EXPLANATION OF OUR TEXT

Account of Chronicles דברי הימים

- 1. authorship Ezra? (516-456 BC)
- 2. ancestry & perspectives

Adam to Abraham

- 1. genealogies from creation to the flood, vv1-4
- 2. genealogies of Noah's son, Japheth, vv5-7
- 3. genealogies of Noah's son, Ham, vv8-16
- 4. genealogies of Noah's son, Shem, vv17-27

Abraham to Israel

- 1. genealogies of Abraham's son, Ishmael, vv28-31
- 2. genealogies of Abraham's sons through Keturah, vv32-33
- 3. genealogies of Abraham's son, Isaac, v34
 - a. genealogies of Isaac's son, Esau, vv35-54

II. HOLY APPLICATION

Our Imperfections

...as reflected in Adam, v1 Rom 3:23; Gal 3:10; 1 Cor 15:22

Our Brokenness

... as reflected in Israel, v34 Gen 32:28; Hos 12:4; Psa 34:18

Our Perfection

...as reflected in Isaac, v34 Gen 17:18-19; 22:2; Isa 9:6

Our Witness

... as reflected in Edom, v43 Gen 25:29-34; 2 Tim 3:5 ... & in Adam through Noah, vv

... & in Adam through Noah, vv1-4a John 15:26

Our Destiny

...as reflected in Abraham, v27 Heb 11:8-10; Isa 62:4

... or in Hadad of Avith, v46 2 Pet 3:7

אדם Adam - "man"

שת Seth - "appointed"

"Enosh – "mortal

קינן Kenan – "dwelling"

מהללאל Mahalalel - "praise of God"

ירד Jared - "will descend"

חנוך Enoch – "train up, disciple" מתושלח Methuselah – "His death shall bring"

למך Lamech – unused, unknown root

לעמך l'AM-kha - "unto Your people"

למכך l'ma-KHAKH - "unto the perishing"

Noah -"rest, relief, comfort"

Man appointed mortal dwelling; Praise of God (Jesus) will descend & disciple [men]; His death shall bring unto the perishing rest, relief & comfort.

QUOTE of the WEEK

THE Church of Christ is continually represented under the figure of an army; yet its Captain is the Prince of Peace; its object is the establishment of peace, and its soldiers are men of a peaceful disposition. The spirit of war is at the extremely opposite point to the spirit of the gospel. Yet nevertheless, the church on earth has, and until the second advent must be, the church militant, the church armed, the church warring, the church conquering. And how is this? It is in the very order of things that so it must be. Truth could not be truth in this world if it were not a warring thing, and we should at once suspect that it were not true if error were friends with it. The spotless purity of truth must always be at war with the blackness of heresy and lies. I say again, it would cast a suspicion upon its own nature; we should feel at once that it was not true, if it were not at enmity with the false. And so at this present time, the church of Christ, being in herself the only incarnation of truth left upon this world, must be at war with error of every kind of shape; or if she were not, we should at once conclude that she was not herself the church of the living God. It is but a rule of nature that holiness must be at enmity with sin. That would be but a mock purity which could lie aide by side with iniquity and claim its kinship. "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee?" Shall Christ and Belial walk together? Shall the holy be linked with the unholy? If it were so, beloved, we might then not only suspect that the church was not the holy, universal and apostolic church; we might not only suspect it, but we might beyond suspicion pronounce a verdict upon her, "Thou art no more Christ's bride; thou art an antichrist, an apostate. Reprobate silver shall men call thee, because thou hast not learned to distinguish between the precious and the vile." Thus, you see, if the church be a true church, and a holy church, she must be armed: there are so many untrue things and unholy things, that she must be perpetually with her sword in her hand, carrying on combat against them.... Now, how comforting is this text to the believer who recognizes himself as a soldier, and the whole church as an army! The church has its vanguard: "Jehovah will go before you." The church is also in danger behind; enemies may attack her in her hinder part, "and the God of Israel shall be her rereward." So that the army is safe from enemies in front- and God alone knoweth their strength, and it is also perfectly secure from any foes behind, however malicious and powerful they may be; for Jehovah is in the van, and the covenant God of Israel is behind: therefore the whole army is safe.



"The Vanguard and Rereward of the Church" from the text, Isaiah 52:12 a sermon delivered on December 26, 1858 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon The New Park Street Pulpit Volume 5, Sermon No. 230



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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
2 Chron. 31	Rev. 17	26	Zechariah 13	John 16
2 Chron. 32	Rev. 18	27	Zechariah 14	John 17
2 Chron. 33	Rev. 19	28	Malachi 1	John 18
2 Chron. 34	Rev. 20	29	Malachi 2	John 19
2 Chron. 35	Rev. 21	30	Malachi 3	John 20
2 Chron. 36	Rev. 22	31	Malachi 4	John 21
Genesis 1	Matthew 1	1	Ezra 1	Acts 1
Genesis 2	Matthew 2	2	Ezra 2	Acts 2

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