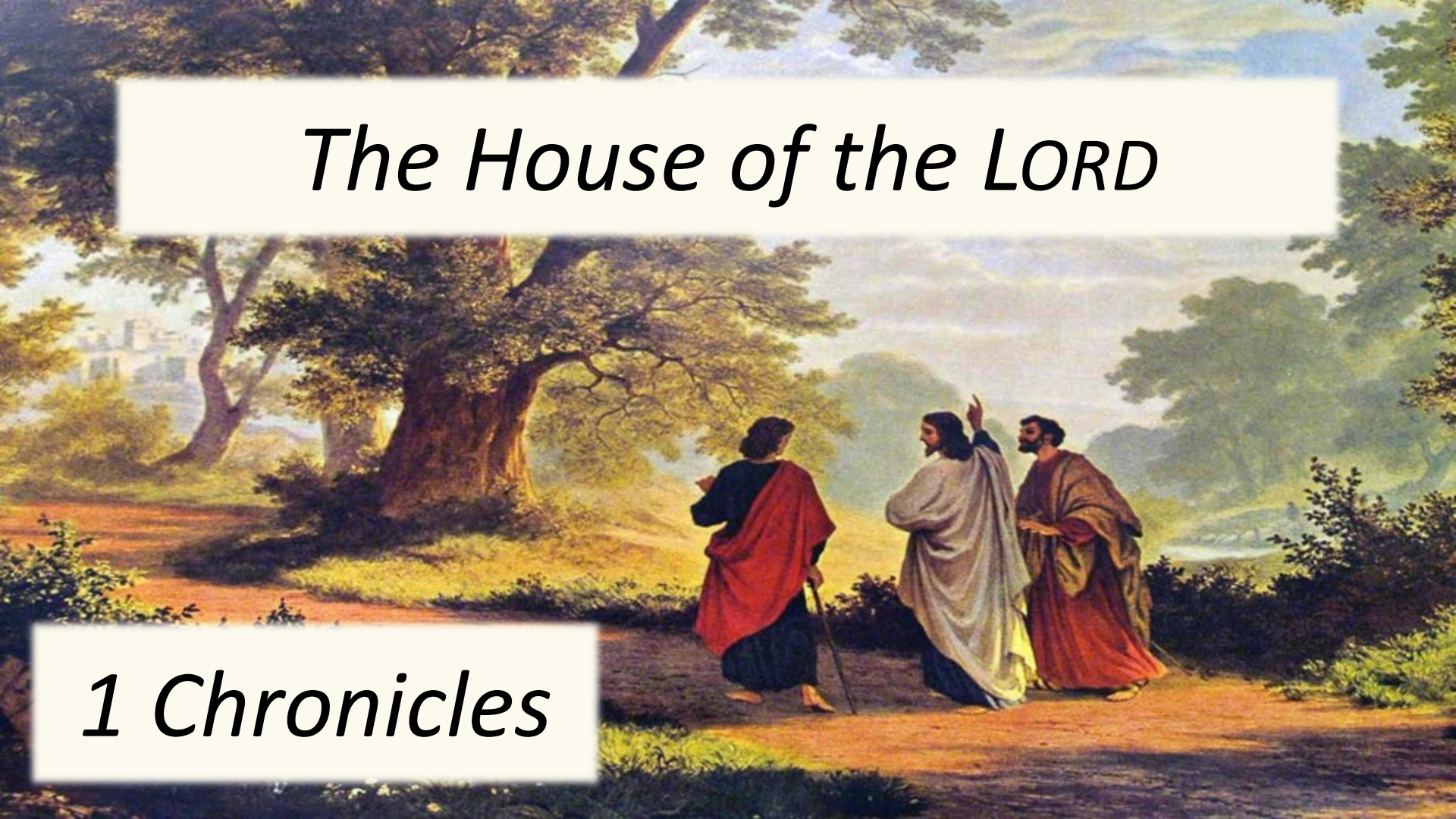


Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. (Luke 24:27)



A painting depicting three men in a lush, sunlit landscape. The man on the left wears a red shawl over a dark tunic and holds a staff. The man in the center, with a beard and long hair, wears a light-colored robe and points his right hand towards the sky. The man on the right wears a brown and red robe. They are standing on a dirt path. In the background, there are large, leafy trees and a distant city with domes and minarets, possibly Jerusalem, under a bright sky.

The House of the LORD

1 Chronicles

1 & 2 Chronicles

- Written (by Ezra?) after the 2nd return from the exile (ca. 450 BC)
- 1-2 Kings: *sin -> decline*
- 1-2 Chron: *faith & providence*
- No specific prophecies about Jesus

1 Chronicles 21

- Satan *moved* David to number the fighting men of Israel and Judah (1-6)
- “God was displeased with this thing, so He struck Israel.” (7)
 - What exactly was David’s sin?
 - Why punish the nation? (cf. 17)

2 Samuel 24:1

- “Now again the anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and it incited David against them to say, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”

1 Chronicles 21

- David repented, and God gave him a choice of consequences (8-13)
- “So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel; 70,000 men of Israel fell.” (14)
- God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem, but then relented (15)

1 Chronicles 21

- “And the angel of the Lord was standing by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.” (15b)
- “Then David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven...” (16a)

1 Chronicles 21

- David purchased Ornan's threshing floor and he built an altar as the angel of the Lord had commanded (18-25)
- God "answered him with fire from heaven" (26)
 - New location for sacrifices (28)

2 Chronicles 3:1

- “Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.”

Genesis 22:1-2

- *God tested Abraham:* “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to **the land of Moriah**, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the **mountains** of which I will tell you.”

The House of the LORD

- This becomes the cite for God's house
- David prepared workmen (22:2, 15)
 - ...materials (22:14)
 - ...Levites (1 Chron. 23-24)
 - ...musicians (25)
 - ...gatekeepers & treasurers (26)

The House of the LORD

- David had drawn up extensive, detailed plans (28:11-18)
- “All this,” said David, “the LORD made me understand in writing by His hand upon me, all the details of this pattern.” (28:19)

The House of the LORD

- God to Moses: “See that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.” (Ex. 25:40)
 - Great detail (Ex. 25–30)

Hebrews 8:1-6

- The earthly copies made by men point to *the true tabernacle made by God in heaven* (2)
- All earthly sacrifices point to *the Ultimate Sacrifice* (3)
- Jesus' ministry is far better! (6)

Hebrews 9

- The earthly tabernacle and laws were meant to show man is separated from God (the *Holy of Holies*) (1-10)
- Jesus entered the *real* holy place to open the way for mankind once and for all (11-28)

On Mount Moriah

- A loving father willing to sacrifice his only begotten son (Heb. 11:17)
- A substitute provided by God (Gen. 22:8, 13-14)
- Foreshadowing of the dead brought back to life (Heb. 11:19)

On Mount Moriah

- Man's sin -> death (1 Chron. 21:14)
- God's righteous judgment and man's repentance (1 Chron. 21:14-17)
- God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness (1 Chron. 21:15)

It all points to Christ!

So What?

- Our sin separates us from our loving Heavenly Father
- We deserve God's righteous judgment
- But God provided a Substitute
- Jesus' blood cleanses us of our sin
- So, we can enter God's presence

So What?

- Our motives are so important
 - Joab: “**Why** does my lord seek this thing?” (1 Chron. 21:3)
 - “All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the Lord weighs the motives.” (Prov. 16:2)

So What?

- “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts.” (1 Chron. 28:9)

So What?

- “If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.” (1 Chron. 28:10)
–Cf. Deut. 4:29; 2 Chron. 15:2; Ps. 119:2; Jer. 29:13; Heb. 11:6

So What?

- God often brings people into our situation to challenge us
 - We should humbly consider what they say (cf. Prov. 10:17; 12:1; 15:5)
- God uses even our sinful choices to accomplish His will