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FOR LIVES OF FAITH



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A People Formed by God

**“Adam, Seth, Enosh...  
Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth...  
The sons of Japheth...  
The sons of Ham...  
The sons of Shem...  
And Abram, who is Abraham.  
The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Ishmael.”**

**- 1 Chronicles 1:1-28**

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**“So all Israel was recorded by genealogies, and indeed, they were inscribed in the book of the kings of Israel. But Judah was carried away captive to Babylon because of their unfaithfulness. And the first inhabitants who dwelt in their possessions in their cities were Israelites, priests, Levites, and the Nethinim...”**

**- 1 Chronicles 9:1-2**

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A wide-angle photograph of a coastal landscape at sunset. On the left, a light blue wooden house with a dark roof sits on stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The sky is a dramatic gradient from dark grey at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The ocean is visible in the background, with small waves breaking on the shore. The foreground is a sandy beach with some scattered rocks. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

A People Restored to Worship

**“You are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it. For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order...”**

**“So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.”**

**- 1 Chronicles 15:12-15**

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**“On that day David first delivered this psalm into  
the hand of Asaph and his brethren,  
to thank the LORD:  
‘Oh, give thanks to the LORD!  
Call upon His name;  
Make known His deeds among the peoples!””**

**- 1 Chronicles 16:7-8**

**“Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;  
Talk of all His wondrous works!  
Glory in His holy name;  
Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the  
LORD!  
Seek the LORD and His strength;  
Seek His face evermore!”**

**- 1 Chronicles 16:9-11**

**“Remember His marvelous works  
which He has done,  
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth,  
O seed of Israel His servant,  
You children of Jacob, His chosen ones!  
He is the LORD our God;  
His judgments are in all the earth...”**

**Remember His covenant forever,  
The word which He commanded,  
for a thousand generations,  
The covenant which He made with Abraham,  
And His oath to Isaac,  
And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,  
To Israel for an everlasting covenant,  
Saying, 'To you I will give the land of Canaan  
As the allotment of your inheritance,'...**

**“When you were few in number,  
Indeed very few, and strangers in it.  
When they went from one nation to another,  
And from one kingdom to another people,  
He permitted no man to do them wrong;  
Yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes,  
Saying, ‘Do not touch My anointed ones,  
And do My prophets no harm.”**

**- 1 Chronicles 16:12-22**

**“Sing to the LORD, all the earth;  
Proclaim the good news of His salvation  
from day to day.  
Declare His glory among the nations,  
His wonders among all peoples.”**

**- 1 Chronicles 16:23-24**

**“For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;  
He is also to be feared above all gods.  
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
But the LORD made the heavens.**

**- 1 Chronicles 16:25-26**

**“Honor and majesty are before Him;  
Strength and gladness are in His place.  
Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
Give to the LORD glory and strength.  
Give to the LORD the glory due His name;  
Bring an offering, and come before Him.  
Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!”**

**“Tremble before Him, all the earth.  
The world also is firmly established,  
It shall not be moved.**

**Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
And let them say among the nations,  
‘The LORD reigns’...**

**Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;  
Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.  
Then the trees of the woods shall rejoice  
before the LORD,  
For He is coming to judge the earth.**

**- 1 Chronicles 16:27-33**

**“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.**

**And say, ‘Save us, O God of our salvation;  
Gather us together, and deliver us from the Gentiles,  
To give thanks to Your holy name,  
To triumph in Your praise.’**

**“Blessed be the LORD God of Israel  
From everlasting to everlasting!  
And all the people said, ‘Amen!’  
and praised the LORD.”**  
**- 1 Chronicles 16:34-36**

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A People Living in Praise

**“Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said:  
‘Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father,  
forever and ever.**

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness,  
The power and the glory,  
The victory and the majesty;  
For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;  
Yours is the kingdom, O LORD,  
And You are exalted as head over all...”**

**“Both riches and honor come from You,  
And You reign over all.  
In Your hand is power and might;  
In Your hand it is to make great  
And to give strength to all.  
‘Now therefore, our God,  
We thank You  
And praise Your glorious name...”**

**“But who am I, and who are my people,  
That we should be able to offer so willingly as this?  
For all things come from You,  
And of Your own we have given You.  
For we are aliens and pilgrims before You,  
As were all our fathers;  
Our days on earth are as a shadow,  
And without hope...”**

**“O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own. I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You...”**

**“O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You. And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these things, and to build the temple for which I have made provision...”**

**“Then David said to all the assembly,  
‘Now bless the LORD your God.’**

**So all the assembly blessed the LORD God of  
their fathers, and bowed their heads and prostrated  
themselves before the LORD and the king.”**

**- 1 Chronicles 29:10-20**

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