

2 Chronicles 15:3—Part 2

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Recently, I gave a sermon using 2 Chronicles 15:3 as an outline. In that sermon, I identified three main concepts.

2 Chronicles 15:3—"For a long time Israel has been without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law."

This article is the second of a three-part series. It will discuss the second concept—they were without a teaching priest.

A holy priesthood

New Testament believers are looking forward to a time of reigning with Christ as a priest for 1,000 years.

Revelation 20:6—"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Yet, New Testament believers are called a holy priesthood at this time.

1 Peter 2:5—"You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 2:9—"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Revelation 1:5-6—"And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Not dealing with animals

New Testament believers are happy that they do not live under the First Covenant administration. The Second Covenant is superior (2 Corinthians 3:6-11 and Hebrews 8:7).

The priests of the First Covenant spent a lot of time dealing with animal sacrifices (Hebrews 10:11).

But Jesus Christ offered Himself as one sacrifice for sins and sat down at the right hand of God (verse 12).

Opportunity to teach

Whenever people prepare to be teachers, they need to consider the following goals.

- Know the material
- Know how to reach people

Here is a section of Scripture that reminds readers to know the material.

2 Timothy 2:15—“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Hebrews 5:12-14—“For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Here is a section of Scripture that reminds readers to know how to reach people.

1 Corinthians 9:19-22—“For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.”