

- I. The wrath of God or the choice of David?
 - A. God's anger (v. 1)
 - B. Satan's temptation (see 1 Chronicles 21:1)
 - C. David's lust for power (v. 10)
 - D. Three perspectives, all valid. (see Matthew 26:14-15; Luke 22:3; Acts 2:23)
 - E. Also: there is a hint that Israel had this one coming (see 2 Samuel 21)

- II. The sinful census
 - A. Past censuses (Exodus 30:11-15; Numbers 1:2, 49; 4:2, 22; 1 Chronicles 27:23; Genesis 22:17; Hosea 1:10)
 - B. The seriousness of the census (2 Samuel 11-12; Isaiah 54:5; Jeremiah 31:32; 1 Samuel 13:13)
 - C. The sin of the census

- III. The would-be substitute
 - A. A choice of punishments (see Exodus 5:3; 9:15)
 - B. Pestilence (see Exodus 13; 2 Kings 19:35; also Jeremiah 9:23-24)
 - C. How will the guilt be taken away?
 - D. Kings and peoples, fathers and sons

- IV. An empty-handed worshiper
 - A. Araunah the Jebusite
 - B. A king in need of a Savior
 - C. Some applications
 - D. The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Lamb of God