

The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

David Anointed as King of Israel

Lesson 1

1 Chronicles 1-11

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1&2 Chronicles

- ▶ Hebrew: “The events of the days” or “Account of the past.”
- ▶ Greek: “*Paralipomenon*”, the ‘book of things left out’
- ▶ Jerome (Latin): “Chronicle of the whole of sacred history”
- ▶ Final book in the Hebrew Old Testament
- ▶ Adam to Elioenai’s 7 sons (400 B.C.) – 1 Chronicles 1:1; 3:24

1&2 Chronicles

- ▶ Genealogy – 9 chapters
- ▶ Saul – 1 chapter
- ▶ David – 19 chapters
- ▶ Solomon – 9 chapters
- ▶ Twenty kings and 1 queen – 27 chapters
- ▶ 10 of 27 chapters on Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah and Josiah
- ▶ Focus: 450 years from Saul to Zedekiah

1&2 Chronicles

▶ Monarchy

- David and Solomon – selective history
- David is the standard – mentioned in nearly every chapter (1267x in 1088 vv.)

▶ Temple

- Occupies most of the history of David and Solomon, and the good kings
- Priesthood and temple practices
- Revival under 3 kings

▶ Two essential aspects of the work of salvation

- Acceptance with God by blood sacrifice mediated by the High Priest
- Submission to the righteous rule of the Anointed One
- The history of the world from Adam to Elioenai (or present) is the stage for this lesson and the completion of this work of salvation

▶ The lesson of history is that God must act in grace or all is lost

1 Chronicles 1-11

▶ Genealogy (1-9)

- Taken from other parts of Scripture but new revelation also
- Seemingly unbalanced – in favor of the obscure and the disconnected
- Mixture of names, relationships, cities, nations, wives
- Relationships sometimes difficult to understand; names sometimes different
- Anecdotes or editorial comments

▶ Saul (10)

- Not called king in this chapter
- Sets the stage for the true King by way of contrast – “a king like the nations”

▶ David (11)

- Anointing according to the Word of the LORD
- His mighty men

1 Chronicles 1-9

- ▶ "Can these bones live?"
- ▶ Adam to the 7 sons of Elioenai (1-3)
- ▶ 11 Sons of Israel (4-7)
- ▶ Benjamin, the tribe of Saul (8)
- ▶ Jerusalem after the return (9)

Adam to the 7 sons of Elioenai (1-3)

- ▶ 1:1-4 Adam to Noah and sons – Detail (1:5-23)
- ▶ 1:24-27 Shem to Abram/Abraham and sons – Detail (1:28-33)
- ▶ 1:34 Isaac and sons – Detail (1:35-54)
- ▶ 2:1-2 Jacob and sons – Detail (2:3-3:24)
 - Sons of Judah (2:3-8)
 - Sons of Perez (2:5)
 - Sons of Zerah (2:6-8)
 - Sons of Hezron – to David (2:9)
 - Caleb, son of Hezron (v.18-55) – alternate line from David (Ram)
 - Kings from David to Jeconiah (exile) (3:1-16)
 - 7 subsequent generations to 400 BC (3:17-24)

11 Sons of Israel

- ▶ Judah (4:1-23)
- ▶ Simeon (4:24-43)
- ▶ Reuben (5:1-10)
- ▶ Gad (5:11-22)
- ▶ Manasseh (half tribe) (5:23-26)

11 Sons of Israel

- ▶ Levi (6)
- ▶ Warrior tribes – Issachar and Benjamin (7:1-12)
- ▶ Naphtali (7:13)
- ▶ Manasseh (7:14-19)
- ▶ Ephraim (7:20-29)
- ▶ Asher (7:30-40)

1 Chronicles 8-9

- ▶ Benjamin – Saul’s family (8)
- ▶ Jerusalem (9)
 - Conclusion of Genealogy in 9:1
 - Nehemiah 11
 - Levites first: Priests, Levites, temple servants
 - 4 tribes note: Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh
 - 3 divisions noted (9:2)
 - Priests (9:10-13)
 - Levites (9:14-16)
 - Temple servants (9:17-34)
 - Family of Saul again (9:35-44)

1 Chronicles 10

- ▶ **Death of Saul (10)**
 - Saul's suicide (v.4)
 - Flight of the army and occupation by Philistines
 - Apparent honor for Dagon
- ▶ **Men of Jabesh-gilead – honorable burial**
- ▶ **He did not ask counsel of the LORD**
 - Saul valued the wisdom of men more than God – his own mostly
 - Saul sought evil spirits before the Spirit of God

David Anointed King (11:1-9)

- ▶ Chronology ignored – 7.5 years of civil war
- ▶ David was the LORD'S anointed one
 - Shepherd
 - Prince – Ruler
- ▶ Authority: Word of the LORD through Samuel
- ▶ Jerusalem:
 - Salem – Melchizedek
 - Jebusite City (Judges 19:10-12; 1 Chronicles 11:4) – Benjamin (Judges 1:21); Judah (Joshua 15:63)
 - City of David – seat of authority
 - Zion – spiritual emphasis – abode of God
- ▶ LORD of hosts was with him – “greater and greater”

David's *Mighty Men* (11:10-47)

▶ Their valor demonstrated

- First 3 great men – 2 of 3 named
- Unnamed 3 who got water for David from Bethlehem
- Second 3 great men – 2 of 3 named
- Named but not noted: in the shadows but served the king

▶ David's devotion to the LORD

- Would not drink the water brought to him at great risk
- The mighty men served the LORD and not David

1 Chronicles 1-11

- ▶ The ways of God
 - Hidden in plain sight
 - The lesson of Israel's history – a priest and a king
- ▶ A universal work
 - Sovereign grace
 - The message is the King-Priest to come – Messiah