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**
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› 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)
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- 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)
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- 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
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- 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