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First Chronicles Outline

Introduction: Chronicles retells the stories of David found in First and Second Samuel from a very different perspective. First and Second Chronicles are written while Israel is in exile, and far more attention is given to remembering and naming important family members, lest they be forgotten during exile. Note that unlike the very frank look at David's weaknesses we see in First and Second Samuel; in First Chronicles we see a more predictable version of David as a great leader. The stories of Bathsheba and the disintegration of David's family are ignored in favor of David's many accomplishments.

Section One: Roll Call

Chapter 1: From Adam to Abraham and beyond a little

Chapter 2: The sons of Israel and after

Chapter 3: Sons of David and Solomon

Chapter 4: Sons of Judah; Simeon

Chapter 5: Sons of Reuben; Gad; Half tribe of Manasseh

Chapter 6: Sons of Levi; priesthood

Chapter 7: Sons of Issachar; Benjamin; Naphtali; Manasseh again; Ephraim; Asher

Chapter 8: More

Chapter 9: More on the priesthood

Section Two: From Saul to David

Chapter 10: Death of Saul

Chapter 11: David at Hebron; David builds Jerusalem; David's warriors; Water from Bethlehem

Chapter 12: More warriors for David

Chapter 13: Bringing in the ark- Uzzah

Chapter 14: David against the Philistines

Chapter 15: David organizes the Levites

Chapter 16: Further religious organization; Song of Asaph

Chapter 17: Nathan rejects David's desire to build temple

Chapter 18: David fights more battles

Chapter 19: David defeats Ammonites and Arameans

Chapter 20: "In Spring of year" the Chronicles version

Chapter 21: David conducts census; God strikes Israel with plague

Section Three: David's Preparation of Solomon to Build the Temple

Chapter 22: David prepares Solomon to be king; and for the building of the temple

Chapter 23: David makes Solomon king; focus on Levites

Chapter 24: Listing of Aaron

Chapter 25: Military officers

Chapter 26: Gatekeepers/religious leaders

Chapter 27: Leaders of Israel

Chapter 28: David publicly hands over reigns to Solomon

Chapter 29: Solomon sits on throne with Zadok as his high priest

Stories to know: David and the episode with water from Bethlehem (Chapter 11:15-19); the Chronicles version of David's fateful Spring (Chapter 20:1-3; 21:1-7); David handing over the reigns to Solomon (Chapter 28:1-8)