

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)