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## Context

## Purpose of Chronicles

### **I. 1 CHRONICLES 1-9** **GENEALOGIES: THE ROOTS OF THE POSTEXILIC COMMUNITY**

A focus on the line of promise

A focus on Judah

Inclusion of “all Israel”

To interpret a genealogy (or any text of Scripture), always start with the author’s main point.

### **II. 1 CHRONICLES 10 – 2 CHRONICLES 9** **THE UNITED MONARCHY: THE MESSIANIC HOPE OF THE POSTEXILIC COMMUNITY**

Communicating his point by differences from Samuel & Kings:

1. *Chronicles presents a vision of what the Messiah will be like by highlighting only positive aspects of David and Solomon.*

2 Sam. 11:1-2 v. 1 Chron. 20:1-2

What happened to Bathsheba and Uriah?

2. *In Chronicles, the accounts of David and Solomon revolve around the temple of God.*

1 Kings 5:7 v. 2 Chron. 2:12

Wisdom for ruling v. wisdom for building

2 Chron. 6:24-26

### **III. 2 CHRONICLES 10-36**

#### **THE KINGS OF JUDAH: EXAMPLES OF REBELLION AND REPENTANCE FOR THE POSTEXILIC COMMUNITY**

Key to understanding this section: 2 Chron. 7:13-15

A focus on repentance and forgiveness

A focus on “immediate retribution”

The danger of applying 2 Chron. 7:14 to any nation-state today

Examples of “immediate retribution:”

Examples of mercy: 2 Chron. 17:9-10, 32:25-26

Examples of judgment: 2 Chron. 12:1-2, 25:27

The end of the book: exile and release (2 Chron. 36:15-20)

#### **CONCLUSION: THREE WAYS TO APPLY CHRONICLES**

1. See how it points to Jesus
2. Learn about living in the “already, not yet”
3. Thank God for absorbing immediate retribution

## **A STUDY OUTLINE FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> CHRONICLES**

- I. A Genealogical Presentation of the Tribes of Israel (1 Chron. 1-9)
  - a. Adam to Esau (1:1-54)
  - b. The sons of Israel (2:1-2)
  - c. The tribe of Judah (2:3-4:23)
  - d. The tribe of Simeon (4:24-43)
  - e. The Transjordanian tribes (5:1-26)
  - f. The tribe of Levi (6:1-81)
  - g. Other northern tribes (7:1-40)
  - h. The tribe of Benjamin (8:1-40)
  - i. The resettlement of Jerusalem (9:1-34)
  - j. The genealogy of Saul (9:35-44)
- II. The United Kingdom of David and Solomon (1 Chron. 10-2 Chron. 9)
  - a. David's rise to power over Israel (1 Chron. 10:1-12:40)
  - b. David's transfer of the ark to Jerusalem (13:1-16:43)
  - c. The dynastic promise to David (17:1-27)
  - d. David's wars (18:1-20:8)
  - e. David's census and preparation for the temple (21:1-29:30)
  - f. Solomon's temple preparations (2 Chron. 1:1-2:18)
  - g. Solomon's building of the temple (3:1-5:1)
  - h. The dedication of the temple (5:2-7:22)
  - i. Solomon's other accomplishments (8:1-16)
  - j. Solomon's international relations and renown (8:17-9:31)
- III. The Kingdom of Judah down to the Exile (2 Chron. 10-36)
  - a. Rehoboam (10:1-12:16)
  - b. Abijah (13:1-14:1)
  - c. Asa (14:2-16:14)
  - d. Jehoshaphat (17:1-21:1)
  - e. Jehoram and Ahaziah (21:2-22:12)
  - f. Joash (23:1-24:27)
  - g. Amaziah (25:1-28)
  - h. Uzziah (26:1-23)
  - i. Jotham (27:1-9)
  - j. Ahaz (28:1-27)
  - k. Hezekiah (29:1-32:33)
  - l. Manasseh (33:21-25)
  - m. Amon (33:21-25)
  - n. Josiah (34:-35:27)
  - o. The last four kings (36:1-21)
  - p. Restoration (36:22-23)