

A STUDY OUTLINE FOR 1ST AND 2ND 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)

Core Seminars—Old Testament

Class 24: 1st & 2nd Chronicles



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