

# I Chronicles 1-9 –4 September 2025

## “Outlining Our Obligatory Orientation”

### Introduction

\*The Chronicles was written in the days of Ezra, probably by Ezra

\*This is in the days after the Babylonian Captivity upon Israel’s return to the land

\*Israel is being reconstituted & considering what the Lord wants from them

\*1<sup>st</sup> 9 chapters of Chronicles are genealogies recorded for the Jews that are reconstituting in the land

\*Remember that there are sections of the Bible we need to emphasize WHY it’s here more so that simply knowing the words on the page – this is one of them

**Today, we’ll outline this entire section with the goal of organizing ourselves w/ the same mindset**

**At the end we’ll make further applications for us**

# 1<sup>st</sup> – From Adam to Israel (Chap 1)

## Chap 1:1-3

1. 9 Generations from Adam to Noah's dad Lamech

## Chap 1:4

1. Noah & his 3 sons
2. Now we branch into each of these 3 sons

## Chap 1:5-7

1. 1<sup>st</sup> of Noah's sons Japheth & his family
2. Many of these sons became powerful nations
  - a. Named after themselves
  - b. Migrated toward the northwest of Israel

## Chap 1:8-16

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> of Noah's sons Ham & his family
2. Migrated in Israel & toward southwest of Israel

## Chap 1:17-19

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> of Noah's sons Shem & his family
2. 5 generations: Shem to Eber's sons Peleg & Joktan
  - a. Read Chap 1:19 – Tower of Babel occurred at this time
  - b. Notice Noah was still alive at this time

## Chap 1:20-23

1. 1<sup>st</sup> of Eber's sons Joktan

## Chap 1:24-27

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> of Eber's sons Peleg
2. Brings us down 5 more generations to Abram

## Chap 1:28

1. Abraham & his 2 sons
2. Rest of his sons thru wife Keturah are later

## Chap 1:29-31

1. 1<sup>st</sup> of Abe's sons Ishmael & his family

## Chap 1:32-33

1. Abe's family thru Keturah

## Chap 1:34

1. Abe to Isaac & his 2 sons Esau & Israel
2. Now we branch into each of these 2 sons

## Chap 1:35-54

1. 1<sup>st</sup> of Isaac's sons Esau & his family
2. These were the Edomites in Mt Seir

# **From Israel thru Judah to David (Chapter 2)**

## **Chap 2:1-2**

1. Jacob, renamed Israel, & his 12 sons
2. We'll go into each of these 12 sons in chap 4-7
  - a. Including Dan which is more obscure
  - b. Intention of chap 2 is for Judah to David

## **Chap 2:3-4**

1. Judah & his 5 sons
2. Read Vs 3 – These accounts are in Gen 38
3. We'll trace 2 of Judah's sons Perez & Zerah

## **Chap 2:5**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> of Judah's sons Perez & his 2 sons
2. We'll only trace down his son Hezron

## **Chap 2:6-8**

1. Now 2<sup>nd</sup> of Judah's sons Zerah
2. This includes vs 7 the account of Achan  
(Achar) sin at Jericho in the days of Joshua (Jos 7)

## Chap 2:9

1. Perez son Hezron & his 3 sons
2. Rest of this chapter traces these 3 sons Ram, Caleb & Jarahmeel

## Chap 2:10-17

1. 1<sup>st</sup> of Hezron's sons Ram & his family
2. Intention here is to trace down to King David

## Chap 2:18-24

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> of Hezron's sons Caleb & his family
2. Come back to Caleb & his descendants in vs 42

## Chap 2:25-41

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> of Hezron's sons Jarahmeel & his family
2. Now vs 31 seems to be a daughter of Sheshan named Ahlai b/c in vs 34 it says how his daughter married to continue his lineage

## Chap 2:42-50a

1. We continue the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Hezron's sons Caleb & his family including son Hur

## Chap 2:50b-55

1. We have Hur's family leading to the family of the Rechabites

## **From David thru his kingly lineage (Chapter 3)**

### Chap 3:1-9

1. David & his 19 sons plus sons by concubines
2. This includes Nathan whom Mary came thru
3. We'll track David's son Solomon's Kingship

### Chap 3:10-14

1. Solomon's 16 generations down to Josiah

### Chap 3:15-18

1. Josiah's 4 sons but we trace thru son Jehioakim to his son Jeconiah
2. This is at the time of Babylonian Captivity

### Chap 3:19-24

1. Now Jeconiah's son Pedaiah & his family
2. Beginning w/ Pedaiah's son Zerubbabel, these are those that came back from Babylon to rebuild

## **Family of the Tribe of Judah (Chapter 4:1-23)**

1. In vs 9-10 we have the man Jabez
  - a. He wasn't honorable b/c of royal birth or power
  - b. He was honorable above others b/c he called on God
  - c. He brought his life to God & asked for more
  - d. God can enlarge the influence of a person that asks the Lord to do great things

## **Family of the Tribe of Simeon (Chapter 4:24-43)**

1. Their people are in vs 24-27
2. Their places are in vs 28-39
3. Their pastures are in vs 40-43
4. They're praised in vss 40-42 for taking out former Canaanites & possessing the land as God told them

## **Family of the Tribe of Reuben (Chapter 5:1-10)**

1. Read Vs 1-2 – We're reminded how Reuben lost the birthright & blessing
  - a. Gen 35:22 says he committed adultery w/ Bilhah his brother Dan & Naphtali's mom
  - b. This is an attempt to usurp Israel's authority & take over the family
2. Read Vs 9-10 – The Reubenites expanded eastward in the days of Saul controlling the land of the Hagarites

## **Family of the Tribe of Gad (Chapter 5:11-22)**

1. Read Vs 18-22 – Reuben, Gad & ½ of Manasseh beat back the Hagarites b/c they trusted God
2. Recorded here for all time b/c of their faith
3. Israel expanded b/c a few people trusted in the Lord



## **Family of the ½ Tribe of Manasseh (Chapter 5:23-26)**

1. Read Vs 25-26 – Though they experienced a great walk of faith, later they engaged in spiritual adultery against the God who helped them
2. Therefore they fell into captivity much earlier than the other tribes of Israel

## **Family of the Tribe of Levi (Chapter 6)**

### **Chap 6:1**

1. Levi & his 3 sons

### **Chap 6:2-15**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> of Levi's sons Kohath & his family
2. This includes the priests starting w/ Aaron

### **Chap 6:16-28**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> of Levi's sons Gershom & his family

### **Chap 6:29-30**

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> of Levi's sons Merari & his family

Read Chap 6:31-32 – Introduces the singers

1. Chap 6:33-38 – The singers of Kohath
2. Chap 6:39-43 – The singers of Gershon
3. Chap 6:44-48 – The singers of Merari

Chap 6:49-53

1. Detailing what Aaron & priest's role was

Chap 6:54-81

1. Lists the 48 cities given to the Levites around the country and the 6 Cities of Refuge (manslaughter)

## **Tribes of Issachar, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, & Asher (Chapter 7)**

Chap 7:1-5 - Family of Issachar

Chap 7:6-11 - Family of Benjamin

Chap 7:12

1. Family of Dan
2. Aher seems to be a slur for the Tribe of Dan
  - a. Aher means *another* or *the one following*

- b. Hushim is listed as Dan's son in Gen 46:23
- 3. Dan was the most idolatrous and moved out of their possession of land
  - a. May have been spurning Dan for these reasons

Chap 7:13 - Family of Naphtali

Chap 7:14-19 - Family of Manasseh

Chap 7:20-29 - Family of Ephraim

Chap 7:30-40 - Family of Asher

## **Tribe of Benjamin (again) for the purpose of getting to King Saul (Chapter 8)**

- 1. While chap 7:6-12 seems to emphasize Benjamin's mighty men and leaders, chap 8 gives a full genealogy as an official record for King Saul
- 2. 8:1-32 lists from Benjamin to Saul's father Kish
- 3. 8:33-40 lists Saul family specifically

# Israelites Returning From Exile (Chapter 9)

## Chap 9:1-9

1. Leaders in Jerusalem

## Chap 9:10-13

1. Leaders among the priests returning

## Chap 9:14-16

1. Leaders among the Levites returning

## Chap 9:17-27

1. Leaders among the gatekeepers returning

## Chap 9:28-34

1. Leaders among the other temple servants
2. There was great organization to God's service

## Chap 9:35-44

1. Repeat of chap 8:29-38 for emphasis on the king
2. We'll begin with this moment in history as we begin chapter 10

## Conclusion

Chronicles will recount Israel's history during their united and then divided kingdom

But 1<sup>st</sup>, we have this outline & overview to handle

We've outlined the history & reestablishment of the nation of Israel at the occasion of their regathering

Let these things get you organized in our understanding of Israel thru the whole Bible

Today we've seen 3 types of people and structures

And consider how this structure applies to our life as well

1. **Re-establishing the National Identity w/ Kings & Political Leaders (Administrative)**
  - a. Have we placed a godly structure over governing our lives?
  - b. We're each in charge of governing something within our lives, make it godly

## **2. Restoring the Religious Leadership Structure (Spiritual)**

- a. Have we placed a religious structure to our lives in a regular routine?
- b. What is our commitment to habits of Bible study, prayer, fellowship and service the Lord?

## **3. Reminding of God's faithfulness to those who are faithful to Him (Practical)**

- a. Are we focused on using our experiences to walk in faith glorifying God with our belief?
- b. Regardless of the situation in your country, your family, or your job/school, the Lord blesses those the are faithful to Him in spite of our circumstances