

Appendix I I and II Chronicles

These books cover the same historical times as I and II Kings. In the old Catholic Bibles they were, in fact, called III and IV Kings. Their purpose is to frame the Davidic kingdom in all the rest of Israel's history as the central and most important aspect of that history. The Chronicler presents the ideal, and erases the aspects of the monarchy that were less than ideal. Written after the exile when genealogical records were extremely important to the Jews, this history includes much information that is not transmitted by the other Biblical writers. The writer uses his sources to enrich and reinterpret the history already known to us through the writer of I and II Kings. The following is a brief outline of the chapters of I and II Chronicles to guide the reader who might want to add the Chronicler's insights to the history read as part of the assigned lessons.

I Chronicles

1. Genealogies of the patriarchal age
The Kings of Edom
2. Genealogies from Israel to David
3. The family of David
The family of Solomon
4. The family of Judah
The family of Simeon
5. The family of Reuben
The family of Gad
The half-tribe of Manasseh
6. The family of Levi
The family of Aaron
7. The family of Issachar
The family of Benjamin
The family of Naphtali
The family of Ephraim
The family of Asher
8. The family of Benjamin
9. Families who returned from Babylon

10. The family of Saul
Saul killed on Mount Gilboa
11. David, king of all Israel
David's mighty men
12. David's supporters
The number of David's armed men
13. The ark taken to Obed-edom
14. David defeats the Philistines
15. Preparing to move the ark
Appointment of musicians
David dancing before the ark
16. The offerings and music
David's psalm of gratitude
Ministers and keepers of the ark
17. Nathan's warning to David
David's prayer
18. David's victories
19. David and the Ammonites
The Assyrian alliance defeated
20. War with Ammonites and Philistines
21. David's census
The plague as punishment
An altar on Ornan's threshing floor
22. Preparing to build the Temple
The leaders commanded to help
23. Priests and Levites assembled
The duties of the Levites
24. The division of the priests
25. The arrangements for music
26. The arrangements for gatekeepers
The arrangements for treasuries
The officers and judges
27. Military and civil officials
28. The officials to assist Solomon
David's instructions to Solomon
29. David invites the people to give
David's prayer
Solomon made king
The death of David.

II Chronicles

1. Solomon establishes his kingdom
2. Preparing to build the Temple
3. The site, dimensions and materials
4. The furnishings of the Temple
5. Bringing the ark to the Temple
6. The speech by Solomon
His prayer of dedication
7. Fire consumes the burnt offerings
The Lord's promise to Solomon
8. Solomon's buildings and cities
The burnt offerings
9. The visit of the Queen of Sheba
The wealth and wisdom of Solomon
Solomon's death and successor
10. Rehoboam's harsh rule
The revolt of the ten tribes
11. Rehoboam erects fortresses
The Levites remain with Judah
Rehoboam's many wives
12. Egyptians raid Jerusalem
Summary of Rehoboam's reign
13. Abijah, king of Judah
War between Abijah and Jeroboam
14. Asa, king of Judah
Asa defeats Zerah
15. The prophet Azariah advises Asa
Asa's reform movement
16. Asa's alliance with Benhadad
Anani, the seer, warns Asa
Asa's sickness and death
17. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah
Jehoshaphat's prosperity
18. Ahab's bargain with Jehoshaphat
The advice of false prophets
Micaiah's true prophecy
The defeat and death of Ahab

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| 19. | Reforms by Jehoshaphat | Manasseh, king of Judah |
| 20. | Jehoshaphat's prayer
Jahaziel promises deliverance
Deliverance from Moab and Ammon
The death of Jehoshaphat | Manasseh restores the altar
Amon, king of Judah |
| 21. | Jehoram, king of Judah
Elijah warns of a plague
The death of Jehoram | 33. Josiah, king of Judah
Josiah repairs the Temple
Discovery of the book of the Law
The reading of the Law |
| 22. | Ahaziah, king of Judah
Jehu murders Ahaziah
The murder of the royal family | 34. Preparation for the Passover
Observance of Passover The death of Josiah |
| 23. | The revolt led by Jehoiada
The death of Athaliah | 35. From Josiah to captivity
Defeat and exile to Babylon
Cyrus promises end of exile |
| 24. | Joash, king of Judah
Restoration of the Temple
The death of Jehoiada and his son
The defeat and death of Joash | |
| 25. | Amaziah, king of Judah
War between Judah and Israel
The murder of Amaziah | |
| 26. | Uzziah, king of Judah
Uzziah's sin, punishment and death | |
| 27. | Jotham, king of Judah | |
| 28. | Ahaz, king of Judah
The defeat and death of Ahaz | |
| 29. | Hezekiah, king of Judah
Hezekiah cleanses the Temple
The Levites sanctify the Temple
The consecration of the Temple
The Temple sacrifices • | |
| 30. | Proclamation of the Passover
The observance of the Passover | |
| 31. | The high places destroyed
The Levitical service appointed
Offerings brought for the Levites | |
| 32. | The defense against Sennacherib
Sennacherib taunts Jerusalem
Sennacherib murdered
Hezekiah's sickness and death | |

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