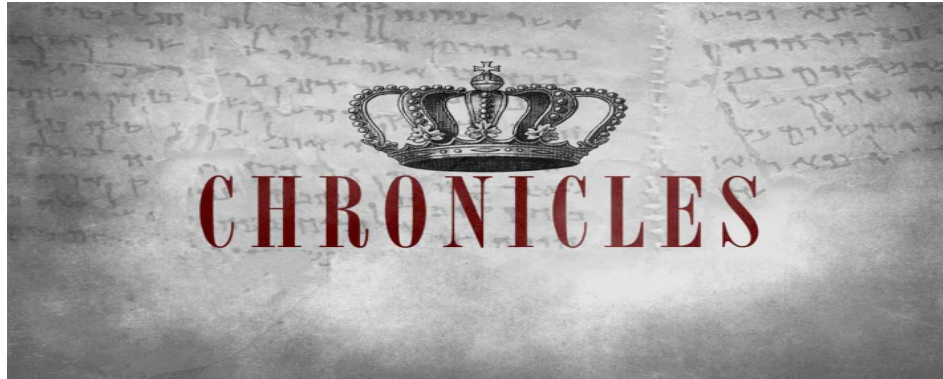


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## Part 2 of 4 – First Chronicles

So why the extensive genealogy in chapters 1-9 covering almost 2,000 names? To the Jewish people who value tradition and their history with God, it is a perfect place to begin. The writer is tracking the line of David from Adam down to the time of the exile. And then, he is also tracking the genealogies of the people who returned to Judah after the exile ended. It is worth mentioning that the Jewish race started with Abraham, who does not show up until nearly 100 names into the list. The message these early names contain is that *God's plan for Israel began at Creation!*

The reign of David is the focus for the remaining twenty chapters of 1 Chronicles. The story begins by stressing God's blessing and providence over his life. By midpoint into 1 Chronicles, David brings the Ark to Jerusalem and organizes the nation for worshipping and praising God. Here, a man named Uzzah, is killed for touching the Ark to steady it. The story explains the cause for this man's death was because David did not arrange to transport the ark correctly. Later when David follows the proper Levitical procedure, the procession goes well.

God's Word to Nathan the prophet establishes the Davidic covenant is also recounted. God promises that a descendant of David will be on the throne forever. This promise gave hope to the post-exilic audience which at the time was under Persian rule.

The book ends with emphasis on the preparations for the building and operation of the Temple. But the focus is on the altar David builds on the threshing floor that he bought for this becomes the site upon which the Temple will be built.

*Next, we will start 2 Chronicles...*