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THE HOLY BIBLE **NKJV** REFERENCE GUIDE

OLD TESTAMENT

BOOK 13

1 CHRONICLES



Saul attacking David by Guercino

SUMMARY

Ancestors from Adam to Abraham: Noah's sons, Abraham's, Ishmael's, Esau's families listed; Edom's chiefs and kings listed.

Descendants of Jacob, Judah and Jesse to King David, and descendants of Hezron, Jerahmeel and Caleb listed.

King David's sons and concubines, King Solomon's descendants to Jehoiakim, and Jehoiakim's descendants are listed.

Descendants, towns and occupations of Judah, Caleb, Shelah, Simeon and others listed.

Leaders, places lived, events, activities and battles of descendants of Reuben (denied his birthright as the eldest because he defiled his father's bed), Gad and Manasseh.

Family relations of Levi, Aaron, Moses, Samuel, Heman and Asaph listed. Temple musicians appointed by David listed. The cities and common-lands of the Levites listed.

Children, leaders, lands and numbers of descendants of Issachar, Benjamin, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Joseph and Asher listed.

Descendants of Benjamin listed.

People who lived in Jerusalem after the exile listed: children of Judah, priests, Levites, gatekeepers, servants, singers and others. The ancestors and descendants of King Saul are listed.

Philistines fight against Israel at Mount Gilboa. Israel flees and Saul's sons die. Saul falls on his sword, after unsuccessfully asking his armourbearer to kill him. The Philistines invade Israel. Saul's armor and head are placed in the temple of Dagon. Saul's body is rescued by the men of Jabesh Gilead and buried. Saul dies because he does not keep the word of the Lord and consults a medium.

The elders enthusiastically declare David king at Hebron. The anointing was divinely sanctioned by the Lord via Samuel. David conquers the Jebusites, and rules from Jerusalem. David also has victory over the Philistines.

At the cave of Adullam, David nostalgically wishes for some water from the well of Bethlehem. Three of his men break into the Philistine camp and get him some; David offers it to the Lord. The mighty men of David's army are listed and described.

David lives in Ziklag to escape Saul, and is even helped by the Benjamites, Saul's tribal relatives. David's leaders named, numbered, described – his army seems to be organized into groups of 30. There is three days of feasting after David is anointed king.

David gathers Israel together, and brings the ark from the house of Abinadab at Kirjath Jearim, where it had remained since the days of Saul. Uzza touches ark and is killed by God. The ark stays at the house of Obed-Edom for three months on its way to Jerusalem.

SUMMARY Continued

The king of Tyre sends David cedar wood and other resources to build a royal house. God blesses David's kingdom. David takes more wives and has more children. The Philistines battle against David; David asks for God's advice, and God personally assures him that victory is his. David wins at Baal Perazim, saying God has broken through his enemies like a breakthrough of water. God also gives David strategic military advice.

David builds a house for himself, and a tent for the ark. He stipulates that only the Levites (who are listed) can carry the ark. David wants no failures of cultic protocol, as before. The musicians are listed. God helps the Levites carry the ark. Israel celebrates, and David dances. Michal despises David for his dancing.

David offers sacrifices before God and gives everyone in Israel food to celebrate. Levites are appointed to lead the congregation in celebration and music. David writes a psalm of thanksgiving – the covenant remembered in the psalm is the Abrahamic one about land, not the Davidic one about monarchy! Israel and nature praises God in the psalm. The appointed Levites maintain the temple with offerings every morning and evening. The people return home.

David wants to build temple. God speaks through Nathan that He has never required one, and that David's son will build temple. David gives humble thanks to God for blessing his house.

David defeats and plunders Philistines, Moabites, Zobah, Syrians and Edomites. David receives gifts from a nervous king of Hamath. Key figures in David's government are listed.

Nahash king of Ammon dies. David sends peaceful messengers who are shamed by the new king Hanun by having shaving them and cutting their garments. Under Joab and with the help of the Lord, Israel wins battle against Ammon and their Syrian allies.

Joab of Israel besieges Rabbah and conquers Ammon. The Ammonites are enslaved. David and his men kill three Philistine giants: Sippai, Lahmi and a twelve-fingered and twelve-toed man.

David conducts a census of Israel. Joab is nervous but compelled to obey. Joab contrives to spare the Levites and the Benjamites from the census. God is displeased, and via the prophet Gad offers David three options: three years of famine, three months of defeat in war, or three days of the angel of the Lord destroying with plague.

David chooses plague, and 70,000 Israelites die. The plague stops at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, where David sets up an altar. For pious reasons, David insists on buying the threshing floor rather than being granted it for free.

David begins preparing material to build the temple, and commands Solomon to build the temple in Jerusalem. David explains to him that God told him that he could not build the temple because he was a man of war, and therefore ceremonially unclean. Solomon, however, would be a man of 'rest'.

David makes three divisions of Levites, to look after the temple, to judge, and to play music. The Kohathites are the Aaronic priests who deal with the most holy things.

SUMMARY Continued

The duties of the Levites are listed: purifying, seeing to the showbread, singing praises in the morning and evening, making offerings etc.

A schedule of service is devised, with the Levites divided by lot into twenty-four sections. The Aaronic Levites are listed, then the remaining Levites.

Sons of Asaph, Jeduthun and Heman lead twenty-four groups of musicians for praising God. Lots are drawn, and the groups ordered and listed.

Names of Levite guards, officers, judges and workers of the temple and its service are listed.

Monthly officers, tribal leaders, treasure keepers, king's farmers, counsellors, companions and army generals are listed.

David speaks to Israel's leaders about Solomon building the temple; he instructs Solomon to build temple and serve God. David has made plans for the temple, and for the divisions of the priests. God Himself spoke these plans to David.

David gives precious gifts to build the temple, as do prominent Israelites. David exalts the Lord: all things come from the Lord, and His people are undeserving. David prays for the hearts of his people, and for Solomon, to remain loyal to the Lord. There are rejoicings and sacrifices, and Solomon ascends seamlessly to the throne.

NKJV SELECTED SCRIPTURE

- 10:13** So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance.
- 10:14** But he did not inquire of the Lord; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.
- 16:23** Sing to the Lord, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
- 16:25** For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods.
- 16:36** Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting! And all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.
- 21:1** Now Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to number Israel.
- 21:14** So the Lord sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.
- 21:15** And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the Lord looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- 22:12** Only may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the Lord your God.
- 22:13** Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the Lord charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.

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- 28:6** Now He said to me, *It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father.*
- 28:7** *Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.*
- 28:9** As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.
- 28:10** Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it.
- 28:20** And David said to his son Solomon, Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.
- 29:11** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all.
- 29:12** Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.
- 29:13** Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name.
- 29:26** Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.
- 29:27** And the period that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years he reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years he reigned in Jerusalem.
- 29:28** So he died in a good old age, full of days and riches and honor; and Solomon his son reigned in his place.

BIBLE TIMELINE

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MAP REFERENCES

