# 1 CHRONICLES 1-14 GENEOLOGY AND ASCENSION OF DAVID, KING OF JEWS



# CHRONICLES OVERVIEW

- A repeat of information from 1,2 Samuel and 1,2 Kings.
- Title of Chronicles in  the Septuagint (greek old testament) was “Book of Things Left Out”.  It gives more detail on topics in 1,2 Samuel and 1,2 Kings.
- Probably written by Ezra for exiles returning to Palestine from Babylon.

# CHRONICLES OVERVIEW

- Exiles returned to a ruined Jerusalem, ruined Temple. They felt forsaken by God. Chronicles encouraged them that God knew them, and had a plan for them!
- Emphasized the rich heritage of the people, and their covenant relationship to God.
- Emphasized racial purity, and the proper place of the Law, Temple, Priesthood.

# CHRONICLES OVERVIEW

- Focus is more on the Southern Kingdom, Judah, and Priestly function.
- Emphasized good kings of Judah.
- Northern kingdom of Israel (all bad kings!) were ignored.

# OUTLINE OF CHAPTERS 1-14

- Chapters 1-9 on the genealogy of David!
- Chapter 10 on the end of Saul's Kingdom.
- Chapter 11 on the start of David's Kingdom.
- Chapter 12 on some mighty men of David.
- Chapters 13-14 some of David's early victories.

# ADAM TO NOAH

- This was the prediluvian (before the worldwide flood) world.
- After the fall, the earth was getting populated.
- Enoch is commended for his walk with God. He did not die. He was transported to heaven.
- Methuselah lived longest, 969 years!
- And Noah was born.

# NOAH TO ABRAHAM

- Then came the deluge, the worldwide flood.
- Noah's family was the only human family that survived.
- We are all descended from sons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth!
- The line of Shem gave rise to Abraham, the father of the Israelites, Ishmaelites and other Middle-eastern tribes.

# ABRAHAM TO JACOB

- There is a detailed genealogy of the Ishmaelites and other middle-eastern tribes.
- Then Abraham and Sarah had their son Isaac.
- Isaac and Rebekah had twins Esau and Jacob.
- There is a detailed genealogy of Esau.  Esau's descendants became Edom (Gen 36:8).
- Herod the Great who tried to kill the infant Jesus, was an Edomite (Idumean in Greek).

# ABRAHAM TO JACOB

- The focus narrows to Jacob, renamed Israel.
- Israel had 12 sons.
- Israel's son Joseph, first-born of his beloved wife Rachel, had the rights of the first-born.
- Joseph had 2 sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, who were adopted as Jacob's sons.
- Thus there were 13 tribes.

# ISRAEL TO DAVID

- Much detail is provided on all the tribes of Israel.
- The tribe of Levi served as priests in Israel.
- Then the focus moves to the tribe of Judah, from whom David is descended.
- Judah bore twins Perez and Zerah by his widowed daughter-in-law Tamar.

# ISRAEL TO DAVID

- Perez was an ancestor of Boaz, the husband of Ruth.
- Boaz was the grandfather of Jesse.
- Jesse was the father of David.
- And David was the King of Israel whom God had chosen, known as a Man of God's Own Heart!
- Our Lord's human descent is from David from both parents.

# DAVID'S DESCENDANTS

- David had several wives, and several sons and daughters by them.
- Among them was Solomon, his successor.
- Solomon was the world's wisest man, yet he had a most foolish son, Rehoboam.
- Rehoboam listened to bad advice, and resulted in the kingdom being divided into Israel (northern) and Judah (southern).

# GENEALOGIES OF THE TRIBES

- Chapters 4-8 give a detailed genealogy of all the tribes.
- There were 12 tribes (of which Ephraim and Manasseh descended from Joseph were considered half-tribes).
- The tribe of Levi had no land allotted to them. They had cities allotted to them.

# THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

- Jabez of the tribe of Judah is commended in scripture for his prayer in 1 Chron 4:9.
- The name Jabez means “sorrowful”.
- He called on the Lord for blessing, and safety and prosperity.
- He requested God spare him from the sorrow that his name recalled and foreboded.

# THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

- The Lord answered Jabez' humble prayer.
- Hannah humbly entreated the Lord in prayer for a child, and He answered.
- Solomon humbly entreated the Lord in prayer for wisdom, and He answered.
- How can we pray, so that the Lord hears and answers?

# THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

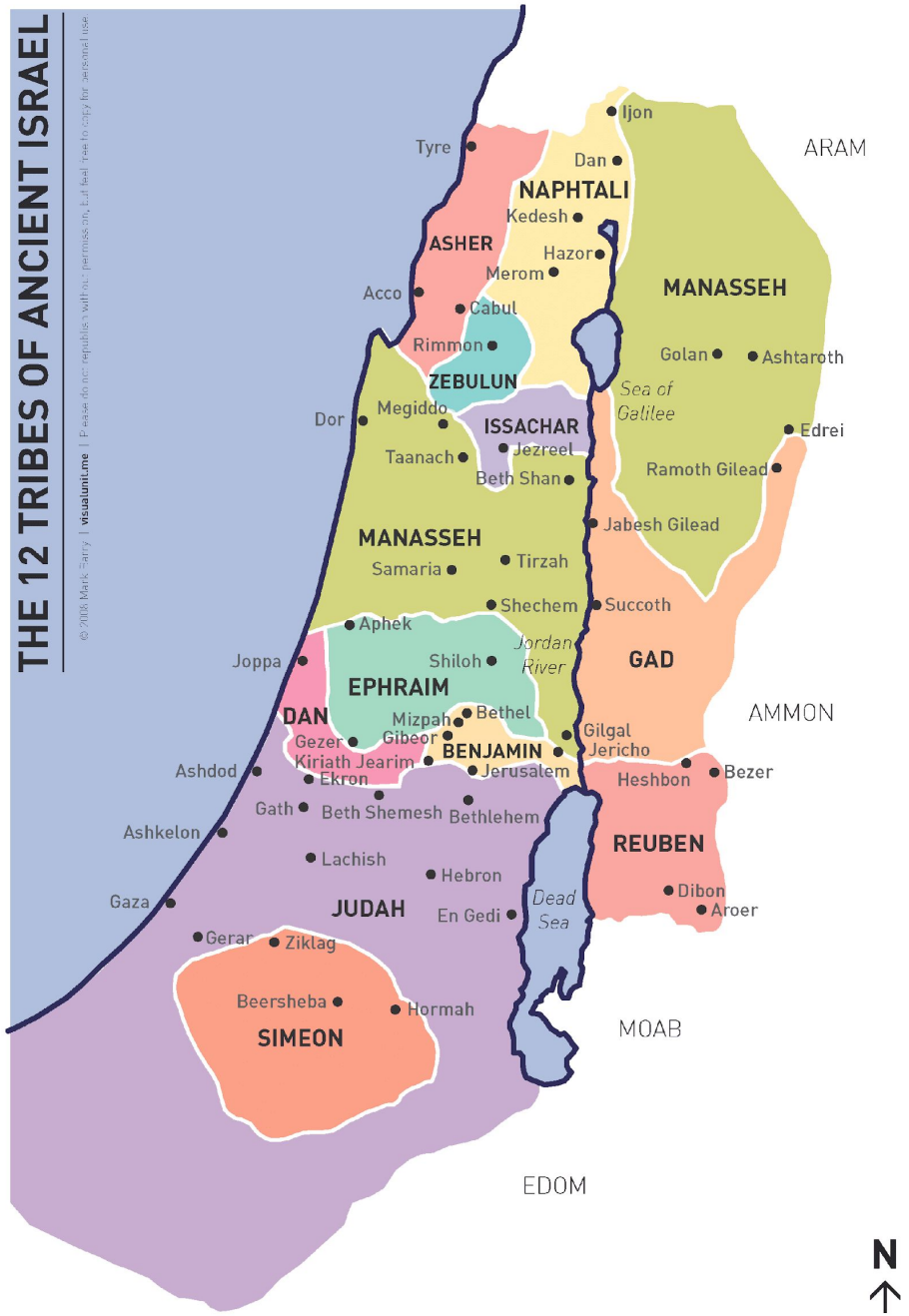
- We should ask humbly.
- We should ask in faith. James 1:5-6 *If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting …*
- We should trust that He has heard us. Psalm 34:17: *The righteous cry and the Lord hears …*

# THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

- The Lord assures us that He hears us.
- But He may or may not grant our desire.
- Jeremiah prayed and lamented over Judah, and yet Judah was taken over to Babylon.
- Jesus prayed in Luke 22:42 *"Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me …"*
- Yet Jesus had to suffer the cross.

# THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

- Not all prayers are answered according to our desire.
- However … all prayers are answered for our good!
- Romans 8:28 *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose*.
- 2 Cor 4:17 *For momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison!*




# Division of the 12 tribes

- Manasseh had two regions
- Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh on east of Jordan.
- Simeon enclosed by Judah.
- Benjamin and Judah had a special relationship.

# JERUSALEM

- Chapter 9 describes Jerusalem after the return from the Babylonian captivity.
- It details who were the Priests and the Levites.
- And the gatekeepers.
- And the singers.
- And the bakers!
- God knew each one of them!

# SAUL

- Chapter 9 then describes the family of Saul.
- Saul was of the tribe of Benjamin, the second son of Israel with Rachel.
- God chose Saul as the first king of Israel.
- But Saul forfeited his kingship because his heart was not the Lord's.

# SAUL

- Saul was jealous of David, and attempted to murder David repeatedly.
- Did God make a “mistake” by choosing Saul first, and not David?
- David was not born yet, for Saul reigned for 42 years (1 Sam 13:1). David was 30 when he became king over all Israel(2 Sam 5:4).

# SAUL

- Then the Lord chose David.
- God prepared David to be king after Saul's long reign.
- David probably wrote many of psalms while running from Saul.
- Like Psalm 18:4 *The cords of death encompassed me, the torrents of ungodliness terrified me …*
- Psalm 18:6 *… He heard my voice out of His temple …*

# SAUL

- Chapter 10 goes into the death of Saul.
- As described earlier, Saul was an unfit king.  His heart was not right with God.
- By God's plan, Saul was killed by the Philistines.
- David deeply mourned Saul, even though Saul had hated David and was jealous of him.

# DAVID

- Chapter 11 goes into the ascension of David.
- David captured Jerusalem by his nephew Joab.
- Joab became his Commander in Chief.
- God gave David various mighty heroes who served him loyally, faithfully, and loved him.
- Including Uriah, a Hittite proselyte, whom David betrayed and murdered.

# DAVID

- Chapter 12 continues the ascension of David.
- Many mighty men joined him.
- 1 Chron 12:16 *Then some of the sons of Benjamin and Judah came to the stronghold of David*.
- David was worried.  Benjamin was Saul's tribe.  Would these men be loyal to him?

# DAVID

- In 1 Chron 12:17 he says that if they came peacefully, then his heart will be united with them.
- But if they came to betray him, he put himself in God's hands.
- Let us rejoice and be united with those who are at peace with us.
- And let us leave to God those who contend with us.

# DAVID

- 1 Chron 13:2-3 … *If it seems good to you, and if it is from the Lord our God … let us bring back the ark of our God to us, for we did not seek it in the days of Saul*.
- A true leader, David encourages the people to seek God.
- And he prefaces his encouragement by *if it is from the Lord our God …*

# DAVID

- We are all leaders at one place or another.
- With our children.
- With our families.
- In our church.
- Like David, we should encourage people to seek the Lord.
- We should do all things, *Lord willing.*

# DAVID

- They brought the ark back on a cart … but they did not carry it.
- This was contrary to the Lord's instruction in Deut 10:8.
- And it almost upset.
- A man named Uzza tried to save the ark.
- But the Lord killed him because he touched the ark.

# DAVID

- The Holiness of God is awesome.
- We should be very wary of treating the Lord's holy things callously.
- In 1 Cor 11:28 *But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup*.
- Some of them did not.  So, in 1 Cor 11:30, they died.
- Let us reverentially, and worshipfully partake of the holy elements.

# DAVID

- David left the ark at the home of Obed-edom, who was a Levite, authorized by God to care for the ark.
- And God blessed Obed-edom's family.
- Hiram, King of Tyre sent David materials to build the Temple of God.
- And God led David to victory over the Philistines.

# SUMMARY

- Chronicles continues the pattern of sin, repentance, forgiveness and restoration in Samuel and Kings.
- Demonstrates that God knows each of His children.
- God searches for those whose hearts are His, and answers their prayers.

# SUMMARY

- David was a man after God's own heart.  He always sought the Lord's will.
- David respected and honored King Saul as God's anointed.
- Saul honored himself.  He did not seek the Lord's will.
- Saul did not respect and honor David as his God appointed successor.

# SUMMARY

- Saul and his son Jonathan both died in battle.
- Saul and his dreams of a dynasty came to an ignoble end.
- But God established David and his dynasty.
- All the way into the future … with the first coming of the Lord Jesus!
- And then into eternity … with His second coming!