CHARTING THE SCRIPTURES 1&2 CHRONICLES

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The book of 2 Kings

The book of Ezra

Building after The pattern *for* God's house

The pattern passed on to a Son
'Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch',
1 Chr. 28. 11

The pattern received by the Spirit
'And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit',
1 Chr. 28. 12

The pattern written down in scripture
'All this, said David, the Lord made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern',
1 Chr. 28. 19

The pattern followed in the sanctuary
'and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims',
1 Chr. 28. 18

'but let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon', 1 Cor. 3. 10

In the Hebrew Bible Chronicles was the last book in the OT
- סֵפֶר דִּבְרֵי הַיָּמִים - Chronicles means 'Words of the Days'

1 & 2 Chronicles include and omit details when compared with 1 and 2 Kings. Just as the four Gospels give a different perspective so do these four books. For example, Chronicles does not mention David's sin with Bathsheba but it does mention his sin in numbering the people yet attributes it to Satan unlike the account in 2 Samuel 24.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, Rev. 3. 12

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it
Psalm 127. 1

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord
Psalm 122. 1

Archaeology

An Orthodox Jew praying at the Western wall, also known as the Wailing Wall because it is a place where Jews mourn the destruction and glory of the former temple which Herod built. The Western wall is the remaining part of the platform of Solomon's temple which Herod extended.

The Temple of Baalshamin in Palmyra was a first century 'sanctuary' dedicated to one of the key gods of the city. Note the pillars were supporting the front porch area. Solomon's temple also had two pillars but opinion is divided as to whether they were free standing or supporting but this archaeology may help us decide.

LOOKING BACK

Retelling Rebelling Reviving

'Ye are the temple of God'

1 Chronicles - 'We are labourers together with God'

Chapter 1-9 Genealogical

Ch 1-3 ***Adam to Solomon - A ruined world - a royal line***
Ch 1 The sons of Adam - the human race, Eden-Edom
Ch 2 The sons of Israel - the Hebrew race. David the seventh
Ch 3 The sons of David - Solomon to the captivity

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Ch 4 The sons of Judah & Simeon
Ch 5 The sons of Reuben, Gad and 1/2 tribe of Manasseh
Ch 6 The sons of Levi and their dwelling places
Ch 7 The sons of Issa, Benj, Naph, Man, Eph, Ash.
Ch 8 The sons of Benjamin - the royal line of Saul
Ch 9 The service of the Priests and Levites

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Ch 22 David charges Solomon to build the house
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Ch 24 Division for sacrifice - Aaron's sons
Ch 25 Division for song - Asaph, Heman & Jeduthun
Ch 26 Division for security - Scribes and Shepherds
Ch 27 Division for service - Commanders and councillors
Ch 28 David's challenge to the people & Solomon
Ch 29 David's full provision and his full passing

New Testament quotations:

1 Chr. 22. 10 (Heb. 1. 5)
'he shall be my son, and I will be his father'.

1 Chr. 29. 11-13 (Matt. 6. 13 and Rom. 11. 36)
'Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all'.

2 Chr. 9. 1 (Matt. 22. 42)
'And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem'.

The Lord reigneth 1 Chr. 16.31

2 Chronicles - 'Ye are the temple of God'.

Ch 1-9 ***Solomon's reign - Wisdom for the work***
Ch 1 Solomon's wisdom needed to build a house
Ch 2 Solomon's will to build a house unto God's name.
Ch 3 Solomon's work to build the house
Ch 4 Solomon's work to make vessels for the house
Ch 5 Solomon's work for the house is finished
Ch 6 Solomon's prayer of consecration
Ch 7 God's glory fills the house in confirmation
Ch 8 After twenty years...
Ch 9 Queen of Sheba & Solomon's death

Ch 10-12 ***Kingdom is rent - Wise counsel refused***
Ch 10 King Rehoboam listens to what suits him
Ch 11 Rehoboam told not to fight with family
Ch 12 Rehoboam establishes the kingdom without God

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Ch 13 King Abijah defeats Jeroboam - a good king
Ch 14 King Asa his son reigns and defeats Ethiopians
Ch 15 Prophet's message from Azariah
Ch 16 King Asa's league with Syria - compromise fatally.
Ch 17 King Jehoshaphat's reign - walking with God
Ch 18 King Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab
Ch 19 King Jehoshaphat puts government in place
Ch 20 Jehoshaphat's victory against Ammon and Moab
Ch 21 Jehoram reigns - a wicked man
Ch 22 Ahaziah reigns, dies - his mother destroys Judah
Ch 23 Athaliah reigns but Joash crowned King by Jehoiada
Ch 24 Joash reigns at seven repairing house of the Lord
Ch 25 Amaziah's reign and downfall under Joash King of Israel
Ch 26 King Uzziah - risen as a leader, fallen as a leper
Ch 27 King Jotham - using time as mighty and prepared
Ch 28 The reign of Ahaz - Departure from God's word.
Ch 29 Reign of Hezekiah - Way into God's house opened
Ch 30 The reign of Hezekiah - Keeping the passover
Ch 31 The reign of Hezekiah - Breaking the images
Ch 32 Hezekiah - A victory against Sennacherib
Ch 33 Manasseh & Amon - Ruin & restoration
Ch 34 Josiah - The book of the law found
Ch 35 zJosiah - The great passover and his fatal wounds
Ch 36 Reign of Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah

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