



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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1 CHRONICLES

CHAPTERS 1 TO 29

Chapter 1

Here is the lineage of man on the earth,
Starting with Adam, the one without birth,
Then branching out as a tree that is grown.
Abraham, Isaac, and Esau are shown.

Chapter 2

Israel now is the trunk of the tree,
Bearing twelve sons for a nation to be;
Reuben the firstborn and Benjamin last,
Showing where David fits into the caste.

Chapter 3

David continues the scroll to unfurl,
Nineteen are boys, and one, Tamar, a girl.
Solomon next his posterity brings,
Through Zedekiah the last of the kings.

Chapter 4

Judah is next with his sons numbered five;
They are prolific; they really do thrive.
Simeon follows with five children more,
Not so productive, a much smaller score.

Chapter 5

Reuben the firstborn his birthright does lose;
Joseph the younger to take it does choose.
Judah prevails the rulers to bear.
Gad and Manasseh a mention do share.

Chapter 6

Levi produces a total of three.
He is the root of the priesthood to be.
From him come Moses and Aaron the priest.
Here are the cities the tribe is bequeathed.

Chapter 7

Issachar offers his tota of four.
Benjamin quickly contributes three more.
Naphtali, Asher, Manasseh present.
Ephraim also his bounty has sent.

Chapter 8

Benjamin this time is pictured with five;
They venture forth to bear children and thrive.
From him comes Saul, the first king in the land;
Also comes Jonathan, noble and grand.

Chapter 9

All genealogies straightly were known.
There in the book of the kings they were shown.
Here is the list of the work to be done,
Also the lineage of Saul and his son.

Chapter 10

Philistines come to make war on King Saul.
Israel's armies go down in a fall.
Saul is defeated and slain in the fight;
This for his sin and not doing the right.

Chapter 11

David at Hebron is chosen as king;
God had appointed this very same thing.
David gets riches and honor and fame.
Here are his mighty men listed by name.

Chapter 12

Names of some more who are greatly renowned,
Coming to David before he is crowned,
Also the armies the tribes gather up,
Coming together to feast and to sup.

Chapter 13

David goes up to recover the ark.
God makes a breach as His anger does spark.
Ark is then left for a number of days.
God freely blesses the house where it stays.

Chapter 14

Hiram of Tyre sends David some stuff.
David takes wives and has children enough.
Philistine armies are smitten with ease.
God puts a sound in the mulberry trees.

Chapter 15

David builds houses and sets up a tent.
Then for the ark the right people are sent.
Each of the workers does rightly his part.
Michal despises the king in her heart.

Chapter 16

Ark is deposited safely at rest;
Then is the multitude feasted and blessed.
David gives thanks for the grace God has shown.
Meeting is ended; the people go home.

Chapter 17

David would build that the Lord might abide.
God sends him word that such hopes must subside.
He will make David a great house instead.
David is awed by the things that are said.

Chapter 18

David makes war on the nations again,
Capturing riches and horses and men,
Taking much gold with the edge of his sword,
Giving it all to the work of the Lord.

Chapter 19

David shows kindness to Hanun the king,
Sending his servants a comfort to bring.
They are mistreated, their beards being clipped.
War follows quickly; the nations are stripped.

Chapter 20

David takes Rabbah and riches untold,
Getting a crown of a talent of gold.
There are the names of the great of his foes,
One having twenty-four fingers and toes.

Chapter 21

Satan gets David to number the land;
Therefore is pestilence sent at God's hand.
Seventy thousand are lost in the plague.
David makes offering; trouble is stayed.

Chapter 22

David brings stuff for the house of the Lord.
He may not build it because of his sword.
Solomon, though, shall be free from this guilt.
He shall be king when the temple is built.

Chapter 23

David now old and about to de cease,
Gathers the princes and Levites and priests.
Levites are numbered and given a charge.
They must take care of the temple at large.

Chapter 24

These are the offspring of Aaron the priest.
Nadab, Abihu, are quickly deceased.
David distributes between the last two.
Twenty-four lots are to serve in their due.

Chapter 25

David again to a group sends a call;
Two hundred eighty-eight answer in all.
These are with vessels of music to serve,
Each in his course without trying to swerve.

Chapter 26

More genealogies numbers and names,
Each in his place as King David proclaims.
This time the porters are brought to the fore,
Having the charge of the stuff and the store.

Chapter 27

People do service by name and by course.
Twenty-four thousand per month is the source.
Also each tribe has a prince at the top.
Joab is forced when he numbers to stop.

Chapter 28

David recounts what he'd wanted to do;
Solomon now is to carry it through.
Mentions the bounty the Lord has outpoured,
Shows him the plans for the house of the Lord.

Chapter 29

David gives Solomon one final lift.
People contribute a bountiful gift.
Solomon sits on the throne in command.
David is dead, the revered of the land.