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1 All of Israel was enumerated by genealogy and recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel as Judah was being taken captive into exile to Babylon due to their disobedience.

1 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, who were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

- The purpose of 1 Chr 9 is to identify the people who settled in Jerusalem and Gibeon after their return from the Exile

(B) Returnees (9:2-34)

(a) Summary of the returnees: people, priests, Levites, temple servants (9:2)

2 Now the first inhabitants who *lived* on their own property in their cities *were people of* Israel, *including* the priests, the Levites, and the temple servants.

2 Now the first who lived in their possessions in their cities *were* Israel, the priests, the Levites and the temple servants.

2 The first to settle on their own property in their own towns of Israel were priests, descendants of Levi, and the Temple Servants.

2 Now the first inhabitants that dwelt in their possessions in their cities were, the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the Nethinims.

(b) People (9:3-9)

3 Some of the sons of Judah, some of the sons of Benjamin, and some of the sons of Ephraim and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem:

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3 In Jerusalem there lived some of the people of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh including

3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Manasseh;

- Note the "lost tribes" are included...

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, from the sons of Perez the son of Judah.

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4 Ammihud's son Uthai, who was the grandson of Omri, who was the great-grandson of Imri, who was fathered by Bani from the descendants of Judah's son Perez.

4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the son of Judah.

5 From the Shilonites *were* Asaiah the firstborn and his sons.

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5 From the descendants of Shilon there was Asaiah the firstborn, along with his descendants.

5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the firstborn, and his sons.

6 From the sons of Zerah *were* Jeuel and their relatives, 690 *of them*.

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6 From the descendants of Zerah there was Jeuel, along with 690 of their relatives.

6 And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety.

7 From the sons of Benjamin were Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,

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7 From the descendants of Benjamin there was Meshullam's son Sallu, who was also the grandson of Hodaviah and great-grandson of Hassenuah,

7 And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah,

8 and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

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8 Jeroham's son Ibneiah, Uzzi's son Elah, who was also Michri's grandson, and Shephathiah's son Meshullam, who was the grandson of Reuel and great-grandson of Ibnijah,

8 And Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephathiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah;

9 and their relatives according to their generations, 956. All these men were heads of fathers' households according to their fathers' houses.

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9 along with 956 of their relatives according to their generations. All of these were leaders of families according to their ancestral households.

9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

(c) Priests (9:10-13)

10 From the priests were Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, Jachin,

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10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin,

11 and Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the chief officer of the house of God;

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11 and Hilkiyah's son Azariah, who was fathered by Meshullam, who was fathered by Zadok, who was fathered by Meraioth, who was fathered by Ahitub, the Chief Operating Officer of the Temple of God.

11 And Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God;

- The lists here compare reasonably with those in Nehemiah, with subtle but explainable differences: spelling, etc.

12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

12 and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

12 There was Jeroham's son Adaiah, who was fathered by Pashhur, who was fathered by Malchijah, and Adiel's son Maasai, who was fathered by Jahzerah, who was fathered by Meshullam, who was fathered by Meshillemith, who was fathered by Immer,

12 And Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;

13 and their relatives, heads of their fathers' households, 1,760 competent men for the work of the service of the house of God.

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13 along with 1,760 of their relatives, who were leaders of their ancestral households, valiant and qualified to serve in the Temple of God.

13 And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God.

(d) Levites (9:14-16)

14 Of the Levites, *there were* Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

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14 From the descendants of Levi there was Hasshub's son Shemaiah, who was the grandson of Azrikam, who was fathered by Hashabiah, from the descendants of Merari;

14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari;

15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal; and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph,

15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh and Galal and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph,

15 along with Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and Mica's son Mattaniah, who was the grandson of Zichri and great-grandson of Asaph,

15 And Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;

16 and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the settlements of the Netophathites.

16 and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

16 and Shemaiah's son Obadiah, who was the grandson of Galal, who was fathered by Jeduthun, and Asa's son Berechiah, who was the grandson of Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the Netophathites.

16 And Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

- The seven families of Levites who lived in Jerusalem (v34; Cf. "the Holy City," Neh 11:18) and vicinity (Netophah was a suburb of Jerusalem) are the same as those of Neh 11:15-18

(e) Servants (9:17-34)

(i) Gatekeepers (9:17-27)

17 Now the gatekeepers *were* Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their relatives (Shallum the chief

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17 The gatekeepers included Shallum, Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and other relatives. Shallum was the leader.

17 And the porters were, Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum was the chief;

18 *being stationed* until now at the king's gate to the east). These *were* the gatekeepers for the camp of the sons of Levi.

18 *being stationed* until now at the king's gate to the east). These *were* the gatekeepers for the camp of the sons of Levi.

18 He used to be stationed in the King's Gate on the east side as one of the gatekeepers of the camp belonging to the descendants of Levi.

18 Who hitherto waited in the king's gate eastward: they were porters in the companies of the children of Levi.

19 Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his relatives of his father's house, the Korahites, *were* in charge of the work of the service, doorkeepers of the tent; and their fathers had been in charge of the camp of the LORD, keepers of the entrance.

19 Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his relatives of his father's house, the Korahites, *were* over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent; and their fathers had been over the camp of the LORD, keepers of the entrance.

19 Kore's son Shallum, who was the grandson of Ebiasaph and the great-grandson of Korah, and the descendants of Korah (who were relatives of his ancestral house) were over the service responsibilities and served as guardians of the entrances of the Tent, just as their ancestors had been in charge of the camp of the LORD and guardians of the entrance.

19 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the host of the LORD, were keepers of the entry.

20 Phinehas the son of Eleazar was supervisor over them previously, *and* the LORD was with him.

20 Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them previously, *and* the LORD was with him.

20 Eleazar's son Phinehas used to be Commander-in-Chief over them—the LORD was with him.

20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the ruler over them in time past, and the LORD was with him.

21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was gatekeeper of the entrance of the tent of meeting.

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21 Meshemiah's son Zechariah was gatekeeper at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.
21 And Zechariah the son of Meshemiah was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

22 Those who were chosen to be gatekeepers at the thresholds were 212 in all. They were registered by genealogy in their settlements, those whom David and Samuel the seer appointed in their official capacity.

22 All these who were chosen to be gatekeepers at the thresholds were 212. These were enrolled by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer appointed in their office of trust.

22 All these, who had been set apart as gatekeepers at the entrances, numbered 212 and had been enrolled by genealogies in their villages.

David and Samuel the seer installed them in their positions of trust,

22 All these which were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office.

23 So they and their sons were in charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, the house of the tent, in their divisions of service.

23 So they and their sons had charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, *even* the house of the tent, as guards.

23 so they and their descendants were in charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, that is, the House of the Tent, as guardians.

23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, namely, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.

24 The gatekeepers were on the four sides, to the east, west, north, and south.

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24 The guardians were stationed on four sides—east, west, north, and south.

24 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south.

25 Their relatives in their settlements *were* to come in every seven days from time to time *to be* with them;

25 Their relatives in their villages *were* to come in every seven days from time to time *to be* with them;

25 Their relatives who lived in their villages were required to visit every seven days to be with them in turn,

25 And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them.

26 for the four chief gatekeepers, who *were* Levites, *served* in an official capacity, and were in charge of the chambers and in charge of the treasuries in the house of God.

26 for the four chief gatekeepers who *were* Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God.

26 because the four senior gatekeepers (who were descendants of Levi) had been placed in charge of the chambers and the treasury of the Temple of God.

26 For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God.

27 They spent the night around the house of God, because the watch was committed to them; and they were in charge of opening *it* morning by morning.

27 They spent the night around the house of God, because the watch was committed to them; and they *were* in charge of opening *it* morning by morning.

27 They spent the night near the Temple of God, since they had been entrusted to guard it. They were in charge of opening it every morning.

27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them.

(ii) Maintainers of furniture and utensils (9:28-32)

28 Now some of them were in charge of the utensils of the service, for they counted them when they brought them in and when they took them out.

28 Now some of them had charge of the utensils of service, for they counted them when they brought them in and when they took them out.

28 Some were responsible for the service utensils, and they were required to take an inventory of them when they were brought in and out.

28 And certain of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale.

29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture and over all the utensils of the sanctuary, and over the finely milled flour, the wine, the olive oil, the frankincense, and the balsam oil.

29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture and over all the utensils of the sanctuary and over the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the frankincense and the spices.

29 Others were responsible for the furniture and for all of the holy utensils, including the flour, wine, oil, incense, and spices.

29 Some of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices.

30 Some of the sons of the priests prepared the mixing of the balsam oil.

30 Some of the sons of the priests prepared the mixing of the spices.

30 Other descendants of the priests prepared the mixed spices.

30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices.

31 Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the responsibility for the baking of cakes in pans.

31 Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the responsibility over the things which were baked in pans.

31 Mattithiah, a descendant of Levi and firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, was in charge of making the offering cakes.

31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans.

32 Some of their relatives of the sons of the Kohathites were in charge of the showbread to prepare it every Sabbath.

32 Some of their relatives of the sons of the Kohathites *were* over the showbread to prepare it every sabbath.

32 Some of their Kohathite relatives were responsible to prepare the rows of bread for each Sabbath.

32 And other of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the shewbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

(iii) Singers (9:33-34)

33 Now these are the singers, heads of fathers' *households* of the Levites, *who lived* in the chambers *of the temple free of other duties*; for they were engaged in their work day and night.

33 Now these are the singers, heads of fathers' *households* of the Levites, *who lived* in the chambers *of the temple free from other service*; for they were engaged in their work day and night.

33 These singers, leaders of ancestral households of the descendants of Levi, were living in the chambers of the Temple. Freed from other service responsibilities, they were on duty

day and night.

33 And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, who remaining in the chambers were free: for they were employed in that work day and night.

34 These were heads of fathers' *households* of the Levites according to their generations, chief men who lived in Jerusalem.

34 These were heads of fathers' *households* of the Levites according to their generations, chief men, who lived in Jerusalem.

34 These leaders of the descendants of Levi, enrolled according to their genealogies, lived in Jerusalem.

34 These chief fathers of the Levites were chief throughout their generations; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

(5) Saul (9:35-44)

35 Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived in Gibeon, and his wife's name was Maacah,

35 In Gibeon Jeiel the father of Gibeon lived, and his wife's name was Maacah,

35 Jeiel, who fathered Gibeon, lived in the city of Gibeon. His wife was named Maacah.

35 And in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jehiel, whose wife's name was Maachah:

36 and his firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

36 and his firstborn son was Abdon, then Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

36 His firstborn son was Abdon, followed by Zur, Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,

36 And his firstborn son Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab,

37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah and Mikloth.

37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah, and Mikloth.

37 And Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth.

38 Mikloth fathered Shimeam. And they also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem opposite their *other* relatives.

38 Mikloth became the father of Shimeam. And they also lived with their relatives in Jerusalem opposite their *other* relatives.

38 Mikloth fathered Shimeam. They lived across town from their relatives in Jerusalem.

38 And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

- This genealogical record following is almost identical to that of 8:29-40 (which adds the family of Eshek, brother of Azel, 8:39)

— Because the Chronicler was about to narrate the death of Saul (1 Chr 10) and the succession of David (11:1-3), he repeated Saul's genealogy (v35-44)

39 Ner fathered Kish, Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

39 Ner became the father of Kish, and Kish became the father of Saul, and Saul became the father of Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab and Eshbaal.

39 Ner fathered Kish, Kish fathered Saul, and Saul fathered Jonathan, Malchi-shua, Abinadab, and Esh-baal.

39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal.

40 The son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal; and Merib-baal fathered Micah.

40 The son of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal; and Merib-baal became the father of Micah.

40 Jonathan fathered Merib-baal, and Merib-baal fathered Micah.

40 And the son of Jonathan was Meribbaal: and Meribbaal begat Micah.

41 The sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, *and Ahaz*.

41 The sons of Micah *were* Pithon, Melech, Tahrea *and Ahaz*.

41 Micah's descendants included Pithon, Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.

41 And the sons of Micah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Ahaz.

42 Ahaz fathered Jarah, Jarah fathered Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Moza.

42 Ahaz became the father of Jarah, and Jarah became the father of Alemeth, Azmaveth and Zimri; and Zimri became the father of Moza,

42 Ahaz fathered Jarah, and Jarah fathered Alemeth, Azmaveth, and Zimri. Zimri fathered Moza, and

42 And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza;

43 Moza fathered Binea, and Rephaiah *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

43 and Moza became the father of Binea and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

43 Moza fathered Binea, and Rephaiah *was* his son, Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

43 And Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son.

44 Azel had six sons whose names were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

44 Azel had six sons whose names are these: Azrikam, Bocheru and Ishmael and Sheariah and Obadiah and Hanan. These were the sons of Azel.

44 Azel had six descendants with these names: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan—these were the descendants of Azel.

44 And Azel had six sons, whose names are these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.