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Foreword

This book is based upon a doctoral thesis of the same title presented to the University of Cambridge in May 1975. In preparing it for a wider readership, I have omitted two chapters that bore less directly on the central theme and have further revised parts of the remainder. I am deeply grateful to the trustees of the Tyrwhitt Hebrew Fund and the managers of the Hort Memorial Fund for generous grants to assist in its publication.

It is hoped that the references given in the footnotes, though abbreviated, will be sufficient for readers conversant with the field to recognize at once the book or article cited. In addition, a full bibliography of works referred to is supplied on pages 141–54, so that there should be no difficulty in ascertaining a complete reference where required. It should further be noted that books cited by their author's name alone are also included in the list of abbreviations. Citations of the Hebrew Bible are taken from the third edition of *Biblia Hebraica*, edited by R. Kittel (Stuttgart: 1937). Unless otherwise stated, the English translation of the Bible is that of the Revised Version (1884). The *Loeb Classical Library* is used for the text, translation and system of reference for all classical authors (including Josephus).

In the interests of economy, all Hebrew and Greek script has been transliterated. For the former, the system adopted is that set out in H. H. Rowley (ed.): *The Old Testament and Modern Study* (Oxford: 1951), p. xiii, with the exception that *qōph* is represented by *q*.

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Introduction

Only my wife has shared closely with me during the recent years of absorption in the work of the Chronicler, often sacrificing her own interests in order to facilitate my study. I nevertheless dedicate this book to my mother as a small token of my gratitude for her patient support in every way throughout the period of my school and university education.

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Biblical books are cited in the form:

Gen. Ex. Lev. Num. Dt. Josh. Jd. Ruth Sam. Ki. Chr. Ezr. Neh. Est. Job Ps(s).
 Prov. Eccl. Isa. Jer. Lam. Ezek. Dan. Hos. Joel Amos Jonah Mic. Nah. Hab.
 Zeph. Hag. Zech. Mal.

AB	The Anchor Bible (Garden City, New York).
<i>AJSL</i>	<i>American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures</i> (Chicago).
<i>Ant.</i>	Fl. Josephus: <i>Antiquitates Judaicae</i> .
AOAT	Alter Orient und Altes Testament (Neukirchen-Vluyn).
AP	A. Cowley: <i>Aramaic Papyri of the Fifth Century B.C.</i> (Oxford: 1923).
<i>ASTI</i>	<i>Annual of the Swedish Theological Institute</i> (Leiden).
ATD	Das Alte Testament Deutsch (Göttingen).
AUSS	<i>Andrews University Seminary Studies</i> (Berrien Springs).
BA	<i>The Biblical Archaeologist</i> (New Haven).
Barnes	W. E. Barnes: <i>The Books of Chronicles</i> (The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, Cambridge: 1899).
BASOR	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i> (New Haven).
BDB	F. Brown, S. R. Driver and C. A. Briggs: <i>A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> (Oxford: 1907).
Benzinger	I. Benzinger: <i>Die Bücher der Chronik</i> (KHAT, Tübingen und Leipzig: 1901).
Bertheau	E. Bertheau: <i>Die Bücher der Chronik</i> (Leipzig: 1854).
BH	Biblical Hebrew.
<i>Bi. Or.</i>	<i>Bibliotheca Orientalis</i> (Leiden).
<i>BjPES</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society</i> (Jerusalem).
BS	Biblische Studien (Freiburg und Neukirchen).
BWANT	Beiträge zur Wissenschaft vom Alten und Neuen Testament (Leipzig und Stuttgart).
BZ	<i>Biblische Zeitschrift</i> (Paderborn).
BZAW	Beihefte zur <i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i> (Giessen und Berlin).
CB	The Century Bible (London).
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i> (Washington).
Ch(s).	Chapter(s).
CM	E. L. Curtis and A. A. Madsen: <i>A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Books of Chronicles</i> (ICC, Edinburgh: 1910).

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CTM	<i>Concordia Theological Monthly</i> (St Louis).
Dr	The numbered list of characteristics of the Chronicler's style in <i>ILOT</i> , pp. 535–40.
Elmslie (1916)	W. A. L. Elmslie: <i>The Books of Chronicles</i> (The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, Cambridge: 1916).
Elmslie (1954)	'The First and Second Books of Chronicles', <i>IB</i> , III, 341–548.
ET	English Translation.
ET	<i>The Expository Times</i> (Edinburgh).
EvTh	<i>Evangelische Theologie</i> (München).
Ev(v)	English version(s).
FRLANT	Forschungen zur Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments (Göttingen).
Galling	K. Galling: <i>Die Bücher der Chronik, Esra, Nehemia</i> (ATD, Göttingen: 1954).
GK	A. E. Cowley: <i>Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar as edited and enlarged by the late E. Kautzsch</i> (2nd edition, Oxford: 1910 = the 28th German edition: 1909).
Harvey-Jellie	W. R. Harvey-Jellie: <i>Chronicles</i> (CB, London: 1906).
HAT	Handbuch zum Alten Testament (Tübingen).
HDB	<i>A Dictionary of the Bible</i> , edited by J. Hastings (Edinburgh: 1900).
HTR	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i> (Cambridge, Mass.).
HUCA	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i> (Cincinnati).
IB	<i>The Interpreter's Bible</i> , edited by G. A. Buttrick <i>et al.</i> (New York: 1952–7).
ICC	The International Critical Commentary (Edinburgh).
IEJ	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i> (Jerusalem).
ILOT	S. R. Driver: <i>An Introduction to the Literature of the Old Testament</i> (9th edition, Edinburgh: 1913).
Jastrow	M. Jastrow: <i>A Dictionary of the Targumim, the Talmud Babli and Yerushalmi, and the Midrashic Literature</i> (London: 1903).
JBL	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i> (Philadelphia).
JCS	<i>Journal of Cuneiform Studies</i> (New Haven).
JNES	<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i> (Chicago).
JPOS	<i>Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society</i> (Jerusalem).
JQR	<i>Jewish Quarterly Review</i> (Philadelphia).
JSS	<i>Journal of Semitic Studies</i> (Manchester).
JTS	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i> (Oxford).
KAT	Kommentar zum Alten Testament (Leipzig).
KB	L. Koehler and W. Baumgartner: <i>Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros</i> (Leiden: 1953).
Keil	C. F. Keil: <i>Biblischer Kommentar über die nachexilischen Geschichtsbücher: Chronik, Esra, Nehemia und Esther</i> (Leipzig: 1870).
KHAT	Kurzer Hand-Commentar zum Alten Testament (Tübingen und Leipzig).
Kippenberg	H. G. Kippenberg: <i>Garizim und Synagoge. Traditionsgeschichtliche Untersuchungen zur samaritanischen Religion der aramäischen Periode</i> (Religionsgeschichtliche Versuche und Vorarbeiten 30, Berlin: 1971).
Kittel	R. Kittel: <i>Die Bücher der Chronik</i> (Handkommentar zum Alten Testament, Göttingen: 1902).
LBH	Late Biblical Hebrew.

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Littmann	E. Littmann: <i>Safaitic Inscriptions</i> (Leiden: 1943).
LXX	Septuagint.
MGWJ	<i>Monatsschrift für Geschichte und Wissenschaft des Judentums</i> (Breslau).
Mosis	R. Mosis: <i>Untersuchungen zur Theologie des chronistischen Geschichtswerkes</i> (Freiburger theologische Studien 92, Freiburg: 1973).
ms(s)	Manuscript(s).
MT	Massoretic Text.
Myers	J. M. Myers: <i>I and II Chronicles</i> (2 Vols.; AB, Garden City: 1965).
n.	(foot)note.
NEB	The New English Bible.
NM	Nehemiah Memoir.
ns	new series.
OT	Old Testament.
OTL	The Old Testament Library (London).
Par.	Paralipomena.
PEQ	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i> (London).
PjB	<i>Palästinajahrbuch</i> (Berlin).
PSBA	<i>Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology</i> (London).
RB	<i>Revue Biblique</i> (Paris).
REJ	<i>Revue des Études Juives</i> (Paris).
Rothstein-Hänel	J. W. Rothstein and J. Hänel: <i>Das erste Buch der Chronik</i> (KAT, Leipzig: 1927).
RSV	Revised Standard Version.
RTP	<i>Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie</i> (Lausanne).
Rudolph	W. Rudolph: <i>Chronikbücher</i> (HAT, Tübingen: 1955).
SP	Samaritan Pentateuch.
ST	Samaritan Targum.
SUNVAO	Skrifter utgitt av Det Norske Videnskaps-Akademi i Oslo (Oslo).
SVT	Supplements to <i>Vetus Testamentum</i> (Leiden).
ThZ	<i>Theologische Zeitschrift</i> (Basel).
US	M. Noth: <i>Überlieferungsgeschichtliche Studien</i> 1 (Halle: 1943).
VT	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i> (Leiden).
V(v).	Verse(s).
Welten	P. Welten: <i>Geschichte und Geschichtsdarstellung in den Chronikbüchern</i> (WMANT 42, Neukirchen: 1973).
Willi	T. Willi: <i>Die Chronik als Auslegung. Untersuchungen zur literarischen Gestaltung der historischen Überlieferung Israels</i> (FRLANT 106, Göttingen: 1972).
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament (Neukirchen).
ZAW	<i>Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i> (Giessen und Berlin).
ZDMG	<i>Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft</i> (Leipzig und Wiesbaden).
ZDPV	<i>Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins</i> (Leipzig, Stuttgart und Wiesbaden).