

The History of the King James Bible – Part 19 – Alleged Contradiction Part 2

1 Kings 7:23-26 and 2 Chronicles 4:2-5 – Molten Sea Volume

2 Chronicles 4 says in v 5 “of the molten seait received and held three thousand baths” – It would hold 3000 baths.

In 1 Kings 7 it says in v26 “...it contained two thousand baths.” – It would hold 3000 baths but only contained 2000 baths. – Simple to understand that there is no contradiction there.

2 Samuel 24:9 and 1 Chronicles 21:5 – Numbering of Men of War

2 Samuel 24:9 says in Israel there were 800,000 “....valiant men that drew the sword...” but in 1 Chronicles 21:5 says “And all they of Israel were a thousand (1 million) and an hundred thousand men that drew sword...” – Not all the men that drew the sword were valiant. – The definition of valour is “having performed with valour, having bravely conducted oneself”.

So, 300,000 men did not fit this description of having been “valiant”.

The report here in 2 Samuel is how a general would report to a king. – Not just who was available for war but who is experienced for battle.

2 Samuel 24:13 and 1 Chronicles 21:12 – Description of David’s Judgement Options

God’s judgment for David’s sin. – The 1st in 2 Samuel is “shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land?” whereas in 1 Chronicles gives a 2-fold description of the first judgement option when it says “Either three years famine”.

2 Samuel is a personal judgement to David for 7 years, whereas 1 Chronicles is 3 years general famine in the land.

2 Chronicles 36:9 and 2 Kings 24:8 – Length of Jehoiachin’s Reign

Length of Jehoiachin’s reign – 3 months in 2 Kings and 3 months and 10 days in 2 Chronicles.

When a year is given to an event nobody says you need to give a specific date to that event but the Chronicler is more specific and so we see here with the more specific addition of the 10 days.

2 Samuel 8:4 and 1 Chronicles 18:4 and 1 Kings 4:26 and 2 Chronicles 9:25 – Amount of Men in Chariots

2 Samuel 8:4 we have 1000 chariots, 700 horsemen and 20,000 footmen.

1 Chronicles 18:4 1000 chariots, 7000 horsemen and 20,000 footmen.

1 Kings 4:26 we have 40,000 stalls for his horses and 12,000 horsemen.

2 Chronicles 9:25 we have 4000 stalls for horses and chariots and 12,000 horsemen.

2 Samuel 10:18 David slew “the men of” 700 chariots and 40,000 horsemen.

1 Chronicles 19:18 – David slew 7000 “men which fought in chariots” and 40,000 footmen.

So, between 2 Samuel 10 and 1 Chronicles 19 we have 10 men per chariot!

2 Chronicles 2:2 and 1 Kings 5:16 – Amount of Solomon’s Overseers

2 Chronicles we 70,000 men to bear burdens, 80,000 to hew in the mountain and 3600 to oversee them.

1 Kings 5:16 says that “Beside the chief of Solomon’s officers which were over the work...” – There were 3300 ruling over the people doing the work. – We are supposed to ignore the first part of verse 16 which states 3600 chief overseers were helped by 3300 under them overseeing the work.

Joshua 10:23, 40 and Joshua 15:63 – Conquering of Hebron

Joshua 10:22-23 shows the kings of Hebron and in v40 it shows he smote them all.

Joshua 15:16 says the Jebusites and the inhabitants of Jerusalem dwell with Israel to this day. – The contradiction is supposed to be chapter 10 says they killed all the people, but chapter 15 says they couldn't wipe them out.

They killed all the kings but still took the land with people dwelling there.