WORKSHEET # 3: 2 Chronicles 1

Note: Please read through all the instructions here before beginning the assignment. This is because the assignment depends on clarity of visual layout, and you should plan your layout carefully before beginning.

1. In two parallel columns, write out the text of 1 Kings 2:46b-3:15 and 2 Chronicles 1:1-13, in such a way as to show the parallel passages in each text. If you do not have access to an electronic version of a Biblical text, you may find several at the following Web address: http://bible.gospelcom.net/. Please use a more “literal” version of the Bible in this assignment (KJV, RSV, NASB, NKJV, ESV). You must do your own work here, not relying on a published “parallels” book. (2 pts)

   Note: Be sure that all truly parallel lines in the two texts are lined up to show this.

2. With a yellow highlighter, highlight the passages in both texts that are exactly parallel (i.e., word for word). Caution: only highlight those “parallels” that are truly parallel. (2 pts)

3. With a blue highlighter, highlight the passages and words in both texts where the wording has been changed in 2 Chronicles. (2 pts)

   Note: What remains unhighlighted should be only those passages in both texts that have no parallels in either.

4. Go through every instance highlighted in No. 3, and catalogue the changes found in 2 Chronicles according to the following scheme. Note that you should catalogue what you judge to be significant differences in terms of one of the major themes of 1-2 Chronicles (Items b-g are taken from the Howard textbook, but you may add other themes if you like). If you like, you may simply mark the letters below on the text of the parallel layout from above; if you do this, please do it clearly. (5 pts)
   a. Insignificant difference
   b. Significant difference: “All Israel” motif
   c. Significant difference: “Davidic Kingship” motif
   d. Significant difference: “Temple and Worship” motif
   e. Significant difference: “Reward and Punishment” motif
   f. Significant difference: “Heart Attitude” motif
   g. Significant difference: “Prayer” motif
   h. Significant difference: Other ____________________________ (specify)

5. Go through every instance left unhighlighted and do the same thing as in No. 4. That is, here, you are accounting for the Chronicler’s additions and deletions (not changes). (5 pts).

6. a. What do you see is the main theme of the 2 Chronicles passage? State it in a clearly worded statement, and justify your statement in 2-3 sentences. (2 pts)

   b. How is this different from or similar to the theme of the 1 Kings passage? Explain your answer in 2-3 sentences. (2 pts)