

1 & 2 Chronicles

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

Summary & Structure

1 CHRONICLES

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

13

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

29

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

While similar to 1 and 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles was written after the Great Exile to Babylon had ended. Its focus is the things on which God would have wanted the remnant and their descendants to focus. It contains a more spiritual perspective of Israel's history, beginning with Adam and ending with King Solomon's ascension to the throne.



WRITTEN
450 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
4000-975 BC



AUTHOR
Unknown, but may have been Ezra the

2 CHRONICLES

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

14

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

36

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

This book continues where 1 Chronicles left off, recording Solomon's reign and the kings up until the Babylonian invasion and Great Exile. It focuses on the history of Judah without the northern Kingdom of Israel.



WRITTEN
About 340 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
975-525 BC



AUTHOR
Unknown, but Ezra is cited as a contributor along with other scribes

Key Verse

if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Difference Between Historical Accounts	
<u>Samuel & Kings</u>	<u>Chronicles</u>
Israel's history from united kingdom to two captivities.	Focus on Juda's Davidic line.
Written soon after the events.	Written much later after the events.
More negative—focus on rebellion and tragedy.	More positive—hope in spite of tragedy.
Message of judgment.	Message of hope.
Man's failings.	God's faithfulness
Emphasizes kings and prophets.	Emphasizes temple and priests.

1 Chronicles

God's Chosen People (Chapters 1-9)

- 1 Chronicles 1-3: Creation to Return
- 1 Chronicles 4-7: More Records of the Tribes of Israel
- 1 Chronicles 8: Saul's Genealogy
- 1 Chronicles 9: Resettling Jerusalem

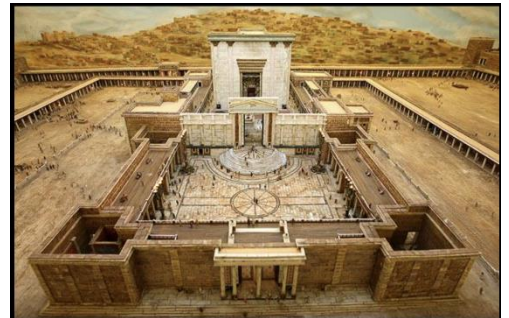
God's Chosen King (Chapters 10-29)

- 1 Chronicles 10-12: Saul and David
- 1 Chronicles 13-16: David and the Ark
- 1 Chronicles 17: David's Desire to Build a Temple (1 Chronicles 17:10-14)
- 1 Chronicles 18-20: David's Wars
- 1 Chronicles 21: David Numbers the People (1 Chronicles 21:1-8)
- 1 Chronicles 22-29: David Prepares for the Temple (1 Chronicles 29:26-28)

2 Chronicles

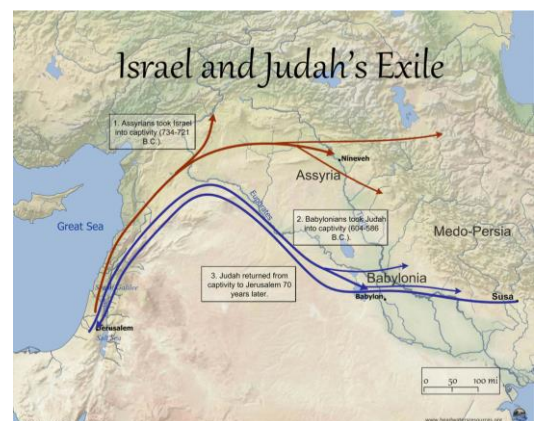
Solomon's Reign (Chapters 1-9)

- 2 Chronicles 1: Solomon's Request for Wisdom
- 2 Chronicles 2-7: Solomon Builds the Temple (2 Chronicles 7:13-16)
- 2 Chronicles 8-9: Solomon's Other Activities



Divided Kingdom and History of Judah (Chapters 10-36)

- Chapters 10-12: Rehoboam
- Kings of Judah
- Five Periods of Revival
 - Asa (2 Chronicles 15:8-9)
 - Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 17:3-4)
 - Joash (2 Chronicles 23:16-21; 2 Chronicles 24:1-6)
 - Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 29:3-36; 2 Chronicles 30:1, 15-16)
 - Josiah (2 Chronicles 34:18-21)
- Chapter 36: To Babylon and Back (2 Chronicles 36:20-21; 2 Chronicles 36:23)



Lessons and Observations

It often takes time to gain the correct _____ on life's events.

God is _____, even when his people are _____.