



1-2 Chronicles

Old Testament Workshop

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Overview

originally one book, divided by the translators of the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament)

1 CHRONICLES

Chapters 1-9	Genealogy	History from Adam to Saul
Chapter 10	Narrative	Death of Saul
Chapters 11-29	Narrative	Reign of David

From
GENESIS 1
To
1 KINGS 2

Overview

2 CHRONICLES

Chapters 1-9	Narrative	Reign of Solomon
Chapter 10-36	Narrative	Divided Monarchy

IDEALIZATION OF DAVID

- NO mention of the Bathsheba Scandal (SEE 1 Chr. 20:1-3)
- NO mention of Solomon's Polygamy
- Little attention given to the Northern Kingdom



“to legitimate the cultic office of David as a guardian of Israel’s messianic hope”
Brevard S. Childs, *Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments*

Authorship

officially anonymous

Old Testament scholars call him the “Chronicler.”

Fleming James, Professor of Literature and Interpretation of the Old Testament (Berkeley Divinity School, affiliated with Yale University), believed that the author was a Levite and a Temple singer.



Based upon literary style, the same writer is responsible for Ezra and Nehemiah.

According to the Talmud (rabbinic teaching), Ezra wrote the books of 1-2 Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah. Nehemiah completed what Ezra wrote.

Perspective

“To try to understand the history of Israel without comparing Chronicles with Samuel and Kings would be comparable to studying the life of Christ by reading only one Gospel.”

Ben F. Philbeck, Jr., “1-2 Chronicles,” *The Broadman Bible Commentary*

1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings read like a newspaper account; 1-2 Chronicles, written centuries after its content, resembles a history textbook.



Perspective



1-2 Chronicles supplements 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings. The historical “distance” qualified the Chronicler to reflect and to clarify.

EXAMPLE: REFLECTION

“And those who had escaped from the sword [Nebuchadnezzar] carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.”

2 Chronicles 36:20-21

Perspective

EXAMPLES: CLARIFICATION

2 Samuel 6:1-11

Why did God kill Uzzah during the transportation of the ark to Jerusalem?

ANSWER: 1 Chronicles 15:11-15

2 Samuel 24

Why did David disobey God with a military census?

ANSWER: 1 Chronicles 21:1



EXAMPLES: SUPPLEMENTATION

Battle Won by Praise (2 Chr. 20:1-30)

Treachery of Joash (2 Chr. 24:17-22; SEE Lk. 11:47-51)

Cause of Uzziah's Leprosy (2 Chr. 26:16-23)

Repentance of Manasseh (2 Chr. 33:10-17)

Content



2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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

2 CHRONICLES 16:9

“For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”

Content: Highlights

11:1-29:30

Reign of David

Davidic Covenant

Preparations for Construction of the Temple

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1:1-9:31

Reign of Solomon

Construction of the Temple

10:1-11:5

Civil War: Split of the Kingdom

14:1-16:14

Reign of Asa

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Content: Highlights

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17:1-20:37

Reign of Jehoshaphat

Alliance with Ahab, King of the Northern Kingdom

Battle against Moab, Ammon and Edom: Won by Praise

22:10-23:21

Reign of Queen Athaliah

24:1-27

Reign of Jehoash

26:1-23

Reign of Uzziah

ISAIAH 6:1

It was in the year King
Uzziah died that I saw the
Lord.

Content: Highlights

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29:1-32:33

Reign of Hezekiah

Reformation + Passover Celebration

Miraculous Defeat of Invading Assyrians | **SEE Isaiah 36-37**

34:1-35:27

Reign of Josiah

Reformation → Discovery of the Law Book

Passover Celebration

36:15-21

Babylon conquers the Southern Kingdom

The Chronicler only mentions 10 of the 19 Northern Kingdom rulers.
NO Reference to the Fall of the Northern Kingdom