

# 1 & 2 Chronicles

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## Contents, Name, and Author

1. Chronicles - Ezra - Nehemiah, form a unit (2 Chron. 36:23, Ezra 1:1-4; Neh. 8:1,2).
2. Chronicles = "Events of the Days".
3. Author: unknown, possibly Ezra. Written c. 400 - 300 B.C.

## Purpose

1. A historical survey from a priestly point of view to rebuild God's people's confidence in his kingdom.
2. Chronicles was not written to simply supply what was omitted from Kings.

## Outline

Genealogical history from Adam through King Saul (1 Chron.1-10).  
King David and his rule (1 Chron. 11-29).  
King Solomon and his rule (2 Chron.1-9).  
Kings of Judah and their rule from division to the fall of Jerusalem (2 Chron.10:1 - 36:19).  
Exile and Restoration (2 Chron. 36:20-23).

## Genealogical History (2 Chron. 1-10)

1. Historical Continuity.
2. Heritage in a covenant community (cf. 1 Pet. 2:9-12).
3. Christ reveals our genealogy (cf. Rev. 21:24-27).

## The Kingship of David (1 Chron. 11-29)

1. First task, to shepherd and rule (1 Chron. 11:1,2).
2. Establishes worship according to God's law (1 Chron. 15:12-15).
2. Wants to build God a sanctuary (1 Chron. 17:1-15).
4. David's military victories (1 Chron. 18-20); preparation for God's house (1 Chron. 21-29).

## The Kingship of Solomon (2 Chron. 1-9)

1. Solomon prepares the house of God (2 Chron. 1-7).

2. The House of God is completed (2 Chron. 7:11-20).

Exhortation to be faithful in not forsaking the assembly of God's people.

3. Only after worship is established are Solomon's other accomplishments mentioned (2 Chron. 8-9).

#### **Judah's Kings from Division to Fall (2 Chron. 10—36:19)**

1. God did not let Rehoboam fight to restore the kingdom (2 Chron. 11:4).
2. Priests and godly ones come south to Judah (2 Chron. 11:13-17).
3. What does it take for leaders to be good and God's churches to prosper? (cf. 2 Chron. 12:6, 12; 13:18; 14:2-4, 11-12; 15:12-13; 16:7; 26:4,5).

#### **Exile and Restoration (2 Chron.36:20-23)**

1. Exile for 70 years because of covenant infidelity.
2. The Book of Chronicles reminds us that God never forsakes his promises.

#### **Concluding Applications**

Let us know our most important accomplishment in life, is our worship of God and provisions for encouraging this worship.