

I Chronicles: An Overview

Although the author is uncertain, we know God is the true author. _____ the prophet is believed to have been involved in the writing. _____ and _____ were originally one book. Many regard this book as a supplement to the books of _____ and 1st and 2nd Kings. It was probably written shortly after the time of captivity! Samuel and Kings refer to events in both kingdoms, but the book of Chronicles deals almost exclusively with the kingdom of _____.

The key character of 1 Chronicles is _____ and the key thought is the _____. Chapter 1 begins with a look at the family of Adam, from Seth to _____. Then we get a glimpse of the families of Ishmael, Keturah, Isaac, Seir and Edom.

Chapter 2 begins with the family of Israel and then the genealogy from Judah to David. This, of course, is the _____ line. More family histories are given through chapter 9. After this, we begin to read more of the actual story of God's people and His kingdom as it unfolds.

In Chapter 10, we again have the tragic story of King _____ and his son's and how their lives ended. _____ becomes king in chapter 11. David built a great city called the "City of David." This city is also known as _____. About the same time, David developed a group of men known as the _____ of David.

In Chapter 11 and 12, we find David's ascension to the throne and we see his armies develop. In Chapter 13, David attempts to return the _____ of God to Jerusalem, but a mistake occurred when the Oxen _____. A man named _____ touched the Ark with his hand and died. The Ark stayed at the house of Obed-Edom. In chapter 14, David had a victory over the Philistines and in Ch. 15 and 16, the Ark finally comes home! There is much rejoicing in Jerusalem! (I think we should greatly rejoice when we all come together after Covid-19!)

In Chapter 17, God denies David the opportunity to build the Lord's _____. At this time, the Ark is housed in the Tabernacle. But God will not allow David to build a Temple because he has _____ on his hands. But God promises him that his son will build the temple.

Chapters 18-20 bring great military victories to David and God's people. An evil _____ is taken in chapter 21.

Even though David cannot build, he begins to prepare for the building of the temple in Chapter 22. He made abundant preparations before he died. He also prepared his nation by organizing the kingdom's affairs, including the Levites and Priests, Musicians, Gate keepers, treasuries, and the military. King David was a great leader with a great mind for organization which served his people well for years to come!

In Chapter 28-29, David charges the people to build and Solomon to lead! Solomon is made King, and David dies. He gives his last blessing and prayer to the people.

As we apply this great book to our lives, there is much to learn! We certainly see how sovereign our God is in orchestrating the leaders of His people. There has not been a perfect leader, besides Jesus. Even David, as great as he was, made plenty of mistakes. But, God in His grace, still used King David in a powerful way! Another thing we see is the organization of God. God gifted David with the skills needed to make His kingdom great! He used him despite his weaknesses. Ultimately, we see that God is in control, and always has been, organizing and orchestrating the lives of men. I am so blessed that I get to serve this same God! You are also blessed if you know Him and serve Him. We can only know and serve Him through knowing His son Jesus! Have you trusted Him as your savior and LORD?