

I & II Chronicles – 29 & 36 Chapters

Title:

English- Chronicles i.e. historical records, official accounts

Hebrew- “events/happenings of the days”

Greek- “things omitted” [from Samuel/Kings]

Author:

Anonymous, tradition suggests possibly Ezra

Occasion and Purpose:

Probably written as the Hebrews were recently returned from the Babylonian exile. Times were difficult and it was not easily apparent that they were living in God’s blessing and promises. Probably written to encourage the returned exiles that God had not forgotten them, to remind them that God’s promises were still in effect, to challenge them with the fact that God brings revival in times of national repentance.

Themes:

1. David and his dynasty
2. The Temple and the worship of God

Summary:

1 Chronicles- The history of Israel from a different perspective. It keys mostly on the religious life of Israel, especially the ministry in the temple. Highlights are the temple planning and David's military victories.

2 Chronicles- Continuation of 1 Chronicles. Highlights are the reforms under Hezekiah and Josiah and the eventual destruction of Jerusalem and captivity in Babylon.

Organization:

Genealogies	The Human Race – 1:1-2:2	1 Chr. 1:1-9:44
	Tribe of Judah – 2:3-4:23	
	Tribes of Simeon, Reuben, Gad, Manasseh – 4:23-5:26	
	Tribe of Levi – 6:1-80	
	Other Tribes – 7:1-40	
	Saul – 8:1-9:1	
	Returned Exiles – 9:2-34	
	Saul – 9:35-44	
David	David the Warrior/King – 10:1-12:40	1 Chr. 10:1-29:30
	David the Worshipper/King – 13:1-16:43	
	David Prepares for the Temple – 17:1-22:19	
	David organizes the Temple/State leadership – 23:1-27:34	
	David begins the Temple project – 28:1-29:20	
	From David to Solomon – 29:21-30	
Solomon	Solomon Asks for wisdom – 1:1-17	2 Chr. 1:1-9:31
	Solomon Builds the Temple – 2:1-5:1	
	Solomon Dedicates the Temple – 5:2-7:22	
	Solomon's Greatness – 8:1-9:31	
Judah	Rebellion against Rehoboam – 10:1-11:23	2 Chr. 10:1-36:23
	Revival under Asa – 14:1-16:14	
	Revival under Jehoshaphat – 17:1-21:3	
	Revival (then wickedness) under Joash – 22:10-24:27	
	Revival under Hezekiah – 29:1-32:33	
	Revival under Josiah – 34:1-36:1	
	Last Kings and the Fall of Jerusalem – 36:2-21	
	Restoration under Cyrus King of Persia – 36:22-23	

Key Verses:

1 Chr. 9:1; 10:13-14; 18:14; 2 Chr. 7:11-16; 36:15-16; 36:22-23