

# WEEK 9 | CHRONICLES

## 1 & 2 CHRONICLES

The books of 1 and 2 Chronicles (which, like Samuel and Kings, is a single book in the Hebrew Old Testament), functions as a summary of the nation of Israel’s history, recounting her historical roots back to Abraham (1:28) and Adam (1:1). It focuses primarily on the Davidic monarchy, echoing much of the narrative given in 1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Kings. The books, however, are not a simple retelling of the events of this period; the chronicler adds and omits detail in accordance with his theological purpose.

Writing to post-exilic Israel—that generation that returned to the Promised Land—the chronicler seeks to instill hope in them that God’s promises have not failed. He still has a place for Israel and will bless them if they will obey Him and give Him the exclusive worship He is due. Thus, a central emphasis in Chronicles is the Temple and the religious cultus that surrounds it, including the priesthood, the Levites, and the sacrificial system.

### STRUCTURE

- I. The Genealogies of the Davidic Line (1 Kgs 1-9)
- II. The Reign of the David and Solomon (1 Kgs 10 – 2 Kgs 9)
- III. The Reigns of the Davidic Kings (2 Kgs 10-36)

Genealogies	The Reign of David and Solomon	The Reigns of the Davidic Kings
<p><i>From Adam to the Restoration</i></p> <p>Judah 2:3 – 4:23</p> <p>Levi 6:1-81</p> <p>Priests and Levites 9:10-44</p>	<p><i>Building the Temple and Worship at the Temple</i></p> <p>Verses suggesting that the reigns of David and Solomon can be viewed as one reign: II/7:10; 11:17; 35:4</p>	<p><i>The Good Kings Loyal to the Temple</i></p>
1 - 9	I/10 - II/9	10 - 36

### PURPOSE

In reminding the post-exilic Israelites of God's faithfulness to the house of David and the Temple throughout their history, Israel was encouraged to place their hope firmly in the promised seed of David who will come and reign over all Israel, and through whom God will fulfill all His promises.

God, through a special covenant relationship with the Davidic dynasty, one exhibited by and centered on the temple and its cultus, will bless His elect people Israel when they live in obedience, and through them will extend His grace to all the world.

#### THEMES

- 1) "All Israel" – I, 9:1; 11:1; 12:38; 13:5; 14:8; 15:3, 28; 17:6; 18:14; 19:17; 21:4; 28:4; 29:23, 25, 26; II, 1:2; 7:6, 8; 9:30; 10:1, 3, 16; 11:3, 13; 12:1; 13:4; 18:16; 24:5; 29:24; 30:1, 5, 6; 31:1; 33:7
- 2) The Temple – I, 6, 9, 17, 22-26, 28-29; II, 2-9, 12, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27-31, 33, 36
  - a. The Ark of the Covenant – I, 6:31; 13:3; 15:1; 16:1; 17:1; 22:19; 28:2; II, 1:4; 5:2; 6:11; 8:11; 35:3
  - b. Priests – I, 9:2; 13:2; 15:11; 16:6; 18:16; 23:2; 24:2; 28:13; II, 4:6; 5:5; 6:41; 7:2; 8:14; 11:13; 13:9; 17:8; 19:8; 23:4; 24:5; 26:17; 29:4; 30:3; 31:2; 34:5; 35:2; 36:4
  - c. Levites – I, 6:19; 9:2; 13:2; 15:2; 16:4; 23:2; 24:6; 26:17; 28:13; II, 5:4; 7:6; 8:14; 11:13; 13:9; 17:8; 19:8; 20:19; 23:2; 24:5; 29:4; 30:15; 31:2; 34:9; 35:3
- 3) The Good Kings – II, 10:1-36:21; 17 of 27 chapters
  - a. Asa – 14:1-16:14
  - b. Jehoshaphat – 17:1-21:3
  - c. Joash – 24:1-27
  - d. Amaziah – 25:1-28
  - e. Uzziah – 26:1-23
  - f. Jotham – 27:1-9
  - g. Hezekiah – 29:1-32:33
  - h. Josiah – 34:1-35:27
- 4) Yahweh is the Cause of all that Happens – I, 5:22; 11:14; 14:10; 18:6; 22:18; II, 13:14-16; 14:11-13; 20:15, 29; 36:22