

1 Chronicles

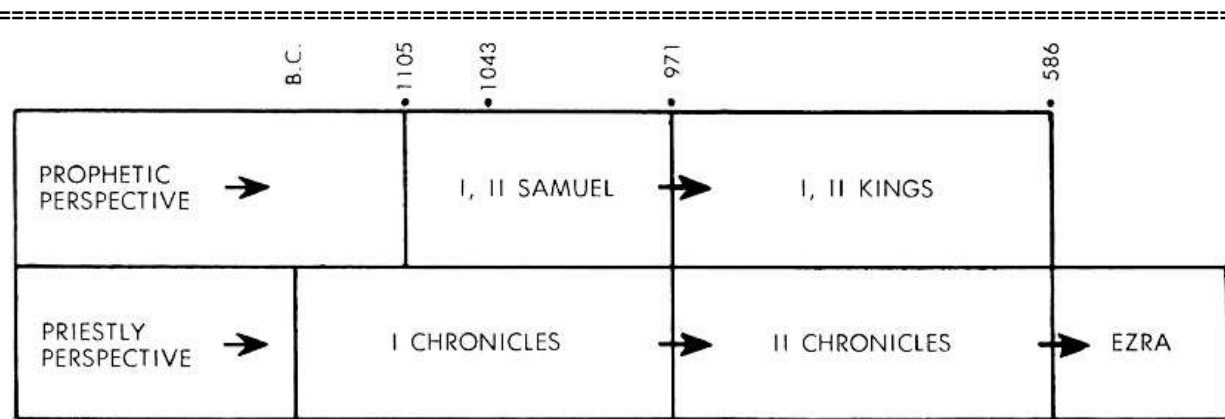
This is a brief history of Israel from Adam to David, culminating with David commissioning the temple of God in Jerusalem.

Author: Most likely Ezra

In 1 Chronicles – Jesus is the Son of David that is coming to rule His People

1 Chronicles 29:17

"I know, my God, that You test the heart and are pleased with integrity."



TEACHER: 1 CHRONICLES 29 CHAPTERS, 2 CHRONICLES 36 CHAPTERS

On the surface 1 & 2 Chronicles seems like a re-hash of Samuel and Kings. They cover almost the same time period with 1st Samuel starting earlier than 1 Chronicles (just over 50 years) not including the genealogy, and 2nd Chronicles ending with 2nd Kings, with the Book of Ezra taking over historically from there. Chronicles is 1 book until the Septuagint translators divided it into 2 books several hundred years before Christ. Many suppose 1st & 2nd Chronicles originally was a Judaic version of Samuel and Kings for the southern tribes of Judah, because they focus on the Kings of Judah, and the Davidic line, only mentioning Israel when it has to for historical necessity. When running down the list of Kings, Chronicles is much kinder to the legacies of the Kings. Usually omitting the sins that plagued them. Also I should mention the books of Samuel and Kings were written before the Exile, and Chronicles 2 books were written after the exile was over. The 1st 9 chapters of 1st Chronicles covers the genealogy of Adam to the Israelites beyond King David's generation, of all 12 tribes.

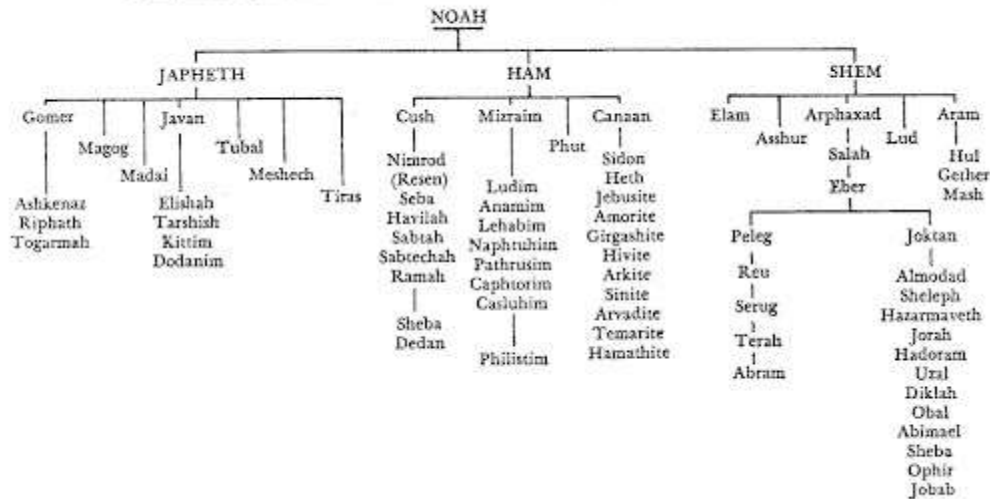
STUDENT:

Adam was the father of Seth. Seth was the father of Enosh. Enosh was the father of Kenan. ²Kenan was the father of Mahalalel. Mahalalel was the father of Jared. Jared was the father of Enoch. ³Enoch was the father of Methuselah. Methuselah was the father of Lamech, and Lamech was the father of Noah.

⁴The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (NCV)

TEACHER: In case you are curious where you come from, the following is called "The Table of Nations." It has been diagramed here from the books of Genesis and Chronicles. Next time you are on the internet, search out the names in the diagram below. The amount of information on them is staggering.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH



Japheth. Also *Diphath*. Literal meanings are *opened, enlarged, fair or light*

(Father of the Caucasoid/Indo-Europoid, Indo-European, Indo-Germanic, or Indo-Aryan people groups - *Japhethites*).

Ham. Also *Cham or Kham*. Literal meanings are *passionate, hot, burnt or dark* (father of the Australoid, Mongoloid and Negroid people groups - *Hamites*).

Shem. Also *Sem*. Literal meanings are *named or renown* (father of the Semitic people groups - *Shemites*).

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STUDENT:

The people of Judah were captured and forced to go to Babylon, because they were not faithful to God. ² The first people to come back and live in their own lands and towns were some Israelites, priests, Levites, and Temple servants.

³ People from the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh lived in Jerusalem. (NCV)

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TEACHER:

After clarifying and updating the genealogy of the remaining people to return, chapter 10 starts the re-cap of the earlier history books. History has been kind. As the years have passed, the memories, coupled with hindsight, reveal how the Kings now are thought of with less judgement. God had a plan, and everyone was complicit in the need for God's judgement. Below is the chart paralleling 1 Chronicles with the coinciding history books.

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DAVIDIC KINGDOM EVENT	SAMUEL-KINGS	CHRONICLES
Death of King Saul: Final Battle	1 Samuel 31	1 Chronicles 10
David Hears of the Deaths	2 Samuel 1	
War between David & House of Saul	2 Samuel 2-4	
David becomes King of Northern Kingdom	2 Samuel 5	1 Chronicles 11:1-9; 14:1-6
David's Army (significant variation)	2 Samuel 23	1 Chronicles 11:10 - 12:40
Moving of Ark to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 5:17 - 6:5	1 Chronicles 14:8-17; 13:1-8
Uzzah touches Ark and dies	2 Samuel 6:6-12	1 Chronicles 13:9-14
Moving of Ark, cont'd		1 Chronicles 15:1-14
Sacrifices offered	2 Samuel 6:13	1 Chronicles 15:15
Levitical singers appointed		1 Chronicles 15:16-27
David's "undignified" dance	2 Samuel 6:14-19	1 Chronicles 15:28 - 16:3
Ark ministers appointed; David sings praises		1 Chronicles 16:4-43
David rebuked by Saul's daughter Michal	2 Samuel 6:20-23	
YHWH refuses David's request to build Temple	2 Samuel 7	1 Chronicles 17
David's war victories, expansion of Kingdom	2 Samuel 8	1 Chronicles 18
David makes peace with House of Saul	2 Samuel 9	
Ammonite War narrative	2 Samuel 10:1 - 11:1	1 Chronicles 19:1 - 20:1
David's affair with Bathsheba, plot against Uriah	2 Samuel 11	
Ammonite War narrative, cont'd	2 Samuel 12:26-31	1 Chronicles 20:1-3
Philistine War narrative		1 Chronicles 20:4-8
Ammon & Absalom episode	2 Samuel 13:1 - 20:26	
Burial of Saul and Jonathon's bones	2 Samuel 21:1-14	
Defeat of Philistine giants	2 Samuel 21:15 - 23:7	
David's lack of faith (counting of enlistable males)	2 Samuel 24	1 Chronicles 21
David prepares Temple furnishings		1 Chronicles 22:1-19
Adonijah attempts to take throne	1 Kings 1:1-42	
David appoints Solomon to succeed him on throne	1 Kings 1:43-53	1 Chronicles 23:1
David's last religious and political appointments		1 Chronicles 23:2 - 27:34
Solomon commissioned to build Temple		1 Chronicles 28:1 - 29:22
David's death, transfer of throne to Solomon	1 Kings 2:1-11	1 Chronicles 29:23-30

The Most Popular Verses in 1 Chronicles, Lets take turns reading one verse each.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to You. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all.
1 Chronicles 29:11

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? For everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your own hand."
1 Chronicles 29:14

Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous works among all nations. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods.
1 Chronicles 16:24-25

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. – 1 Chronicles 16:8

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
1 Chronicles 16:10

LORD, *there is* none like thee, neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
1 Chronicles 17:20

Both riches and honour *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand *is* power and might; and in thine hand *it is* to make great, and to give strength unto all.
1 Chronicles 29:12

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NEXT LESSON 2nd CHRONICLES

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".....Seek His face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

2 Chronicles

David's son Solomon builds the temple, but after centuries of rejecting God, the Babylonians take the southern Israelites captive and destroy the temple.

Author: Most likely Ezra

In 2 Chronicles – Jesus is the King who reigns eternally

2 Chronicles 15:2 "The LORD is with you when you are with Him."

2 Chronicles 14:7 For he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours because we have sought the Lord our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

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TEACHER:

2 Chronicles starts with the reign of King Solomon, and the building of the Temple in Jerusalem, and ends with the Decree of King Cyrus of Persia in 538 B.C. which allowed the people of Judah to return and rebuild Jerusalem.

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CH. 1

STUDENT: *Solomon's position with God*

Solomon, David's son, became a powerful king, because the LORD his God was with him and made him very great. (NCV)

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STUDENT: *Solomon's wealth*

¹⁴ Solomon had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses. He kept some in special cities for the chariots, and others he kept with him in Jerusalem. ¹⁵ In Jerusalem Solomon made silver and gold as plentiful as stones and cedar trees as plentiful as the fig trees on the western hills. ¹⁶ He imported horses from Egypt and Kue; his traders bought them in Kue. ¹⁷ They imported chariots from Egypt for about fifteen pounds of silver apiece, and horses cost nearly four pounds of silver apiece. (NCV)

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CH. 4

STUDENT: *Solomon's commitment*

⁵ "The temple I build will be great, because our God is greater than all gods. ⁶ But no one can really build a house for our God. Not even the highest of heavens can hold him. How then can I build a temple for him except as a place to burn sacrifices to him? (NCV)

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CH. 5

STUDENT: *Solomon finishes the Temple*

Finally all the work Solomon did for the Temple of the LORD was finished. He brought in everything his father David had set apart for the Temple—all the silver and gold and other articles. And he put everything in the treasuries of God's Temple. (NCV)

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STUDENT: *God accepts the Temple and rests on the Ark*

Then the Temple of the LORD was filled with a cloud. ¹⁴ The priests could not continue their work because of the cloud, because the LORD's glory filled the Temple of God. (NCV)

Teacher:

The remainder of the Book of 2nd Chronicles covers the Judaic Dynasty we have covered in our studies of the books of Samuel and Kings. The charts below parallel the accounts so you may study and compare them at your leisure. The map emphasizes the areas covered in Chronicles. *(Thanks to Faithlife.com blog for the map)*



SOLOMONIC KINGDOM EVENT	SAMUEL-KINGS	CHRONICLES
Early events in Solomon's reign	1 Kings 2:12 - 3:3	
Solomon's prayer for wisdom	1 Kings 3:4-15	2 Chronicles 1
Solomon's Court	1 Kings 3:16 - 4:34	
Solomon consults King Hiram of Tyre	1 Kings 5	2 Chronicles 2
<i>Solomon builds Temple (significant variation)</i>	1 Kings 6-7	2 Chronicles 3:1 - 5:1
Dedication of Temple	1 Kings 8:1-9	2 Chronicles 5:2-10
Glory of YHWH fills Temple	1 Kings 8:10-11	2 Chronicles 5:11-13
Blessing of congregation	1 Kings 8:12-21	2 Chronicles 6:1-11
Solomon's prayer	1 Kings 8:22-53	2 Chronicles 6:12-42
<i>First royal offerings (significant variation)</i>	1 Kings 8:54-66	2 Chronicles 7:1-11
YHWH appears to Solomon again	1 Kings 9:1-9	2 Chronicles 7:12-22
Hiram and Solomon exchange goods	1 Kings 9:10-14	2 Chronicles 8:1-6
Taxes levied	1 Kings 9:15-19	
Foreigners made to serve as bondservants	1 Kings 9:20-23	2 Chronicles 8:7-10
Solomon receives Pharaoh's daughter as a wife	1 Kings 9:24	2 Chronicles 8:11
Annual sacrifices made	1 Kings 9:25	2 Chronicles 8:12-16
Commissioning of royal navy	1 Kings 9:26-28	2 Chronicles 8:17-18
Queen of Sa'aba (or Sheba?)	1 Kings 10	2 Chronicles 9
Solomon's foreign wives	1 Kings 11:1-40	
Solomon's death	1 Kings 11:41-43	2 Chronicles 9:29-31

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RULER OF JUDAH (S.K.)	SAMUEL-KINGS	CHRONICLES	PROPHETS
Rehoboam (933-917 BCE)	1 Kings 12:1-24 1 Kings 14:21-31	2 Chronicles 9:31-12:16	(non-writing prophets)
Abijah/Abijam (917-915 BCE)	1 Kings 15:1-8	2 Chronicles 13	
Asa (914-874 BCE)	1 Kings 15:8-24	2 Chronicles 14:1 - 16:14	
Jehoshaphat (874-850 BCE)	1 Kings 22:41-50	2 Chronicles 17:1 - 20:37	
Jehoram (850-843 BCE)	2 Kings 8:16-24	2 Chronicles 21	
Ahaziah (843-842 BCE)	2 Kings 8:25-29 2 Kings 9:27-29	2 Chronicles 22:1-10	Joel
Queen Athaliah (842-837 BCE)	2 Kings 11	2 Chronicles 22:10 - 23:21	Joel
Joash/Jehoash (837-798 BCE)	2 Kings 12	2 Chronicles 24	Joel, Zechariah
Amaziah (798-770 BCE)	2 Kings 14:1-22	2 Chronicles 25	Joel, Jonah
Azariah/Uzziah (792-740 BCE)	2 Kings 15:1-7	2 Chronicles 26	Isaiah
Jothan (740-735 BCE)	2 Kings 15:32-38	2 Chronicles 27:1-9	Hosea, Isaiah, Micah
Ahaz (735-720 BCE)	2 Kings 16	2 Chronicles 28	Hosea, Isaiah, Micah
Hezekiah (720-692 BCE)	2 Kings 18-20	2 Chronicles 29-32	Hosea, Isaiah 36-39, Micah
Manasseh (692-638 BCE)	2 Kings 21:1-18	2 Chronicles 33:1-20	
Amon (638 BCE)	2 Kings 21:19-26	2 Chronicles 33:21-25	
Josiah (638-608 BCE)	2 Kings 22:1 - 23:30	2 Chronicles 33:25 - 35:27	Zephaniah, Jeremiah 1
Jehoahaz (3 mos. in 608 BCE)	2 Kings 23:31-33	2 Chronicles 36:1-4	
Jehoiakim/Eliakim (608-597 BCE)	2 Kings 23:34 - 24:7	2 Chronicles 36:5-8	Jeremiah 25-27; Daniel 1-2; Habakkuk
Jehoiachin (3 mos. in 597 BCE)	2 Kings 24:8-17	2 Chronicles 36:9-10	
Zedekiah/Mattaniah (597-586 BCE)	2 Kings 24:18 - 25:26	2 Chronicles 36:11-21	Jeremiah 28-52, Ezekiel
EXILE			
Cyrus of Persia (allowed return)		2 Chronicles 36:22-23	Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-3; prophesied in Isaiah 45
Darius I of Persia			Ezra 4:5; Haggai, Zechariah
Ahasuerus & Esther (30 yrs)			Esther; Nehemiah

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TEACHER:

Nearing the end of the Old Testament timeline, Cyrus issues an important, historic decree.

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STUDENT:

²² In the first year Cyrus was king of Persia, the LORD had Cyrus send an announcement to his whole kingdom. This happened so the LORD's message spoken by Jeremiah would come true. He wrote:

²³ This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has appointed me to build a Temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Now may the LORD your God be with all of you who are his people. You are free to go to Jerusalem. (NCV)

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THE MOST POPULAR AND RECOGNIZABLE VERSES IN 2 CHRONICLES, LETS TAKE TURNS READING 1 EACH.

2 Chronicles 7:14

.....and 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 20:15 KJV

..... Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

2 Chronicles 20:17 KJV

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

2 Chronicles 20:20 KJV

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

2 Chronicles 1:7 KJV

In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.

2 Chronicles 14:11 KJV

And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let no man prevail against thee.

2 Chronicles 15:2 KJV

The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

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NEXT LESSON EZRA

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

2 Chronicles 7:14

