

# Chronicles

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## Context

- 1 & 2 Chronicles (like Samuel and Kings) were originally written as one book.
- The author is unknown
- Chronicles is the last book of the Jewish Bible because it summarizes the historical books of Samuel and Kings.
- Chronicles is written post-exile

## Purpose

The Chronicler wrote his historical record to redirect his audience to consider what they believed about the people of God, about the king and the temple, and about God's response to faithfulness and unfaithfulness

## Reasons to Look at the Chronicles:

1. Chronicles is written after the return from exile (different purpose and audience)
  - No king and no temple
2. Not as complex as Samuel and Kings (shorter and concise)

## Key Themes

1. The People of God
  - "All Israel"
2. Looking to the Perfect King
3. Looking to the Perfect Temple
4. God's Response to Faithfulness and Unfaithfulness
  - *Immediate Retribution - God's response to those that either obeyed or disobeyed God came immediately, within that very generation.*

## Outline

1. 1 Kings 1-9 - Genealogies
2. 1 Chronicles 10-2 Chronicles 9 - The United Kingdom
3. 2 Chronicles 9 - 36 - Southern Kingdom Kings

## Living it Out Today in Light of the New Testament:

1. People of God
2. Perfect King and Temple
3. God's Response to Unfaithfulness and Faithfulness
  - a. Loving God with all of our hearts
    - i. 1 Chron. 28:9
    - ii. 1 Chron. 29:9
  - b. Importance of Prayer and Humility
    - i. 2 Chron. 7:13-15
  - c. Importance of Seeking God and Repenting
    - i. Who or what is being sought after:
      1. 1 Chron. 28:8
      2. 2 Chron. 18:4
      3. 2 Chron. 18:6
      4. 1 Chron. 16:11