

1 & 2 Chronicles

St. Rose Community Church EQUIP



Context

- 1 & 2 Chronicles (like Samuel and Kings) were originally written as one book.
- The author is unknown (called the “Chronicler”)
- 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.

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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

1 Chron. 18:14, So David reigned over all Israel, and he administered justice and equity to all his people.

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1. The People of God
2. Looking to the Perfect King

2 Samuel 11:1-2

“In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.”

1 Chronicles 20:1-2

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How do we make sense of the Chronicler omitting the bad stories?

1. Remember the audience
2. Remember the purpose
3. We do the same things now

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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.

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1 Chronicles 12:1-2

“When the rule of Rehoboam was established and he was strong, **he abandoned the law of the Lord, and all Israel with him.** 2 In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, **because they had been unfaithful to the Lord, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.**”

Outline

1. 1 Chronicles 1-9 - Genealogies

1. Genealogies (1 Ch. 1-9)

People of God: 1 Chron. 9:1, So all Israel was recorded in genealogies

Perfect Temple and King: Two tribes, Judah and Levi

God's Response: 1 Chor. 4:9-10 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." Jabez called upon the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from harm so that it might not bring me pain!" **And God granted what he asked.**

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1. 1 Chronicles 1-9 - Genealogies
2. 1 Chronicles 10-2 Chronicles 9 - The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom (1 Ch. 10-2 Ch. 9)

People of God: 1 Chron. 28:4-8, “Yet the Lord God of Israel chose me from all my father's house to be king over Israel forever. For he chose Judah as leader, and in the house of Judah my father's house, and among my father's sons he took pleasure in me to make me king over all Israel. 5 And of all my sons (for the Lord has given me many sons) he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. 6 He said to me, ‘It is Solomon your son who shall build my house

6 He said to me, 'It is Solomon your son who shall build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he continues strong in keeping my commandments and my rules, as he is today.' 8 Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God, that you may possess this good land and leave it for an inheritance to your children after you forever."

The United Kingdom (1 Ch. 10-2 Ch. 9)

Perfect King: 1 Chron. 20:1-2, “In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, Joab led out the army and ravaged the country of the Ammonites and came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. And Joab struck down Rabbah and overthrew it. 2 And David took the crown of their king from his head. He found that it weighed a talent[a] of gold, and in it was a precious stone. And it was placed on David's head. And he brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.”

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Perfect Temple: 2 Chron. 6:24-25, “If your people Israel are defeated before the enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn again and acknowledge your name and pray and plead with you in this house, then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them again to the land that you gave to them and to their fathers.”

The United Kingdom (1 Ch. 10-2 Ch. 9)

God's Response: 2 chron 7:14

14 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 and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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3. 2 Chronicles 10-36 - Southern Kingdom Kings

Southern Kingdom Kings (2 Ch. 10-36)

People of God - 2 chron. 30:1-9, Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem to keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel. 2 For the king and his princes and all the assembly in Jerusalem had taken counsel to keep the Passover in the second month— 3 for they could not keep it at that time because the priests had not consecrated themselves in sufficient number, nor had the people assembled in Jerusalem— 4 and the plan seemed right to the king and all the assembly.

5 So they decreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, that the people should come and keep the Passover to the Lord, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem, for they had not kept it as often as prescribed. 6 So couriers went throughout all Israel and Judah with letters from the king and his princes, as the king had commanded, saying, “O people of Israel, return to the Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may turn again to the remnant of you who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 Do not be like your fathers and your brothers, who were faithless to the Lord God of their fathers, so that he made them a desolation, as you see.

8 Do not now be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord and come to his sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever, and serve the Lord your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if you return to the Lord, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.”

Southern Kingdom Kings (2 Ch. 10-36)

People of King - the whole section

Southern Kingdom Kings (2 Ch. 10-36)

People of Temple: 2 chron. 15:8-15, “As soon as Asa heard these words, the prophecy of Azariah the son of Oded, he took courage and put away the detestable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities that he had taken in the hill country of Ephraim, and he repaired the altar of the Lord that was in front of the vestibule of the house of the Lord.[b] 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and those from Ephraim, Manasseh, and Simeon who were residing with them, for great numbers had deserted to him from Israel when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.

10 They were gathered at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11 They sacrificed to the Lord on that day from the spoil that they had brought 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep. 12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul, 13 but that whoever would not seek the Lord, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether young or old, man or woman. 14 They swore an oath to the Lord with a loud voice and with shouting and with trumpets and with horns. 15 And all Judah rejoiced over the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with their whole desire, and he was found by them, and the Lord gave them rest all around.

Southern Kingdom Kings (2 Ch. 10-36)

God's Response: 2 Chron. 32:25-26

25 But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. **Therefore wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem.** 26 But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, **so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.**

Living out Today in Light of the New Testament

1. People of God?
2. Perfect King?
3. Perfect Temple?
4. God's Response to Faithfulness and Unfaithfulness?

Together:

1. Loving God with all of our hearts:
 - 1 Chron. 28:9
 - 1 Chron. 29:9
2. Importance of Prayer and Humility
 - 2 chron. 7:13-15
3. Importance of Seeking God and Repenting
 - 1 Chron. 28:8
 - 2 Chron. 18:4
 - 2 Chron. 18:6