

1 CHRONICLES

EXPLAINED: Episode Summary



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1. ESSENTIALS

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 1 Chronicles Well?

DATE: *Written 450-425 BC:* Looking Back

GENRE: *Historical:* Complete History of Judah

AUTHOR: *Unknown:* Possibly Edited by Ezra

SETTING: *Post-Exile:* Focusing on David-Cyrus

PURPOSE: *Judah Overview:* On True Worship

AUDIENCE: *National Israel:* Generations of Faith

2. STORYLINE

What Do You Need to Know First to Study 1 Chronicles Well?

Summary of Judah's History

- Help exiles remember their history
- Judah exiled in Babylon for 70 years
- Jerusalem inhabited by outsiders
- Restoration fraught with problems
- Judah returning home & rebuilding

KEY VERSES

"When your days are fulfilled to walk with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from him who was before you, but I will confirm him in my house and in my kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever." - 1 Chronicles 17:11-14

3. THEMES & IDEAS

What Major Biblical Concepts Do We Find in 1 Chronicles?

Retelling of Judah's Family History

Emphasis on Judah's kings (Not Israel)

Highlights of David's Life & Reign

David Administrative Priorities as King

Centrality of the Temple for Worship

God's Sovereign Order in Distinct Roles

David's Praises & Judah's Future Hope

God's Enduring Faithfulness to Judah

4. STRUCTURE

What are the major sections of 1 Chronicles?

CH 1-9: 1. Genealogy: Adam to Post-Exile Judah

Overview of how this post-exilic people has been preserved from Creation through David's line to the present time

CH 10-21: 2. Narrative: The Story of David Retold

A positive re-telling of the life of David, focusing on key moments of his life and God's faithfulness to his covenant

CH 22-29: 3. Temple Order: Preparation & Transition

David sets order to the temple life, prepares his son to take the throne, and gives his final blessings before he passes



4. STRUCTURE - EXPANDED

4. What are the major sections of 1 Chronicles?

5. What do we learn about God from each of these sections?

6. What do these sections offer our Christian life?

CH 1-9: 1. GENEALOGY: ADAM TO POST-EXILE JUDAH

Overview of how this post-exilic people has been preserved from Creation through David's line to the present time

CH 1-2: Genealogy Up to David

The Chronicler starts with Adam and traces Judah's lineage from Adam to David

CH 2-4: Genealogy: David & Judah

David's line is traced first, followed by the rest of the descendants of Judah

CH 5-8: Genealogy: Other Tribes

The lines of Simeon, Reuben, Gad, Manasseh (1-2), Levi, Issachar, Benjamin, Naphtali, Ephraim, & Asher are traced

CH 9: Inhabitants After Exile, Saul's Line

The citizens of Judah who returned from Exile to begin rebuilding the temple and the city, Saul's descendants

CH 10-21: 2. NARRATIVE: THE STORY OF DAVID RETOLD

A positive re-telling of the life of David, focusing on key moments of his life and God's faithfulness to his covenant

CH 10: Saul's Failed Reign

A summary of Saul's life & death that sets up a transition to David

CH 11-12: David's Mighty Men

A summary of David's mighty men and some of the battles they fought together

CH 13-16: David Rises, Ark Rests

Philistine battles, David's family, the Ark's journey to Jerusalem, David's song of Thanksgiving

CH 17-20: God's Covenant, Military Victories

A summary God's covenant with David, and David's victories over four different enemies

CH 21: David's Downfall

David's census, the Lord's punishment (transition to Solomon)

CH 22-29: 3. TEMPLE ORDER: PREPARATION & TRANSITION

David sets order to the temple life, prepares his son to take the throne, and gives his final blessings before he passes

CH 22: David's Temple Plans

David sets temple project in motion in preparation to hand it off to Solomon to complete

CH 23-27: Temple Arrangements

Temple instructions for the Levites, Priests, Musicians, Gatekeepers, & Military officials

CH 28-29: Transition to Solomon

David commissions Solomon, Final Temple Provisions, Solomon Becomes King, David Dies

7. HOW 1 CHRONICLES POINTS TO CHRIST

In the prominence of Jerusalem as the city of the great king

In the examples of the only remaining righteous kings in Judah who followed in the ways of David and in the praises lifted up by David before his death.

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