

Outline of 1 Chronicles

- 1-9 Selective Genealogies
- 9-29 David's Reign

Author

The book does not state who the author is. Tradition says that Ezra wrote the book. It covers the same period as 1&2 Samuel and 1&2 Kings. The book focuses on the Southern tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi since they were more faithful to God. The 'Chronicler' does not merely chronicle words. He is a Theologian with a burden to interpret God's ways to mankind. The books of Kings show how sin leads to defeat (2 Kings 17: 15, 18). The books of Chronicles show how faith brings victory (2 Chron. 20:20, 22).

Purpose

Chronicles focuses more on the priestly aspect than the basic history. If Ezra (ca. 450-400BC) was the author then the book was written after the exile to help those returning to Israel to understand how to worship God. God moves, selects, and intervenes in history to accomplish His ultimate goals.

The writer of Chronicles desired to provide the meanings of many events in Israel's history. This may seem similar to modern-day commentaries. This is important because they had gone into exile. They needed a

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Provide the Southern Kingdom with their spiritual heritage and the importance of the Temple both personally and nationally.

reminder of their history and the spiritual issues that molded their destiny. This understanding would guide them as they sought to reestablish Israel in the Promised Land after the Babylonian captivity. They needed to understand that their true glory as a nation is founded in their covenant relationship with God. The genealogical lists show Israel's rich heritage with their patriarchal beginnings.

would recognize God, and express Him publicly (16:7-43, e.g., hymns).

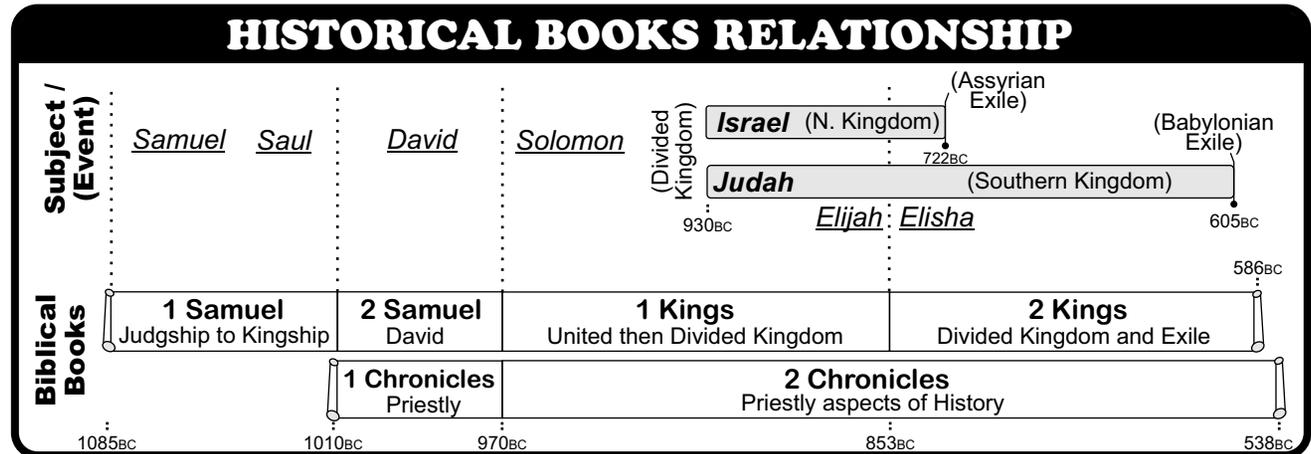
The Temple

The Temple of God is a central focus. The Temple symbolizes Israel's national recognition of God. God revealed details for the Temple to David (1Ch.28:19), though the writer does not spell out those details. Apparently there were more details known at that time than we have today.

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Prominence of David

The northern kingdom (tribes) plays no role in this book. It is the southern tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Levi that are in view. In particular, the life of David is recognized. Why is David's life so important? As King David lived under the authority of God. David, as a warrior, accomplished the will of God. David strongly desired that the people of Israel

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- God promises to David that He will establish him in his house and kingdom forever (1Ch.17:14). This is through his offspring, namely, Jesus Christ.