

The books of Chronicles, composed as one unified literary work, was produced by an anonymous author living in Jerusalem more than 200 years after the return from exile. Look at the genealogy in 1 Chronicles 3:1-24; this takes you six generations after the return from the exile that took place in the 530s B.C. Bible scholars refer to this author as “the Chronicler,” which is a pretty awesome title! 1-2 Chronicles is in large part a retelling of the story you read in the books of 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings.

This is why the books often get overlooked, as readers assume it is just a repeat of what they already read. But this book is way, way more! The Chronicler was living at a time when the Jewish people had long resettled in Jerusalem after returning from the Babylonian exile.

Things were okay (we’ve read Ezra-Nehemiah or Malachi for a flavor of daily life in this period), but there was a growing awareness that God’s ancient covenant promises to Abraham, Moses, and David, which were reaffirmed by the prophets, had not yet come to pass.

They awaited a messianic king of Isaiah who would rebuild the temple and invite all the nations into God’s kingdom (see Isaiah chapters 2, 9, 11, and 60 for an overview). And where was this new David?



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	Date	Readings	Psalm	Video
W	1/11	1 Chron 1-3	65	1-2 Chron
T	2/11	1 Chron 4-6	66	
F	3/11	1 chron 7-10	67	
M	6/11	1 Chron 11-13	68	
T	7/11	1 Chrom 14-16	69	
W	8/11	1 Chron 17-19	70	
T	9/11	1 Chron 20-22	71	
F	10/11	1 Chron 23-25	72	
M	13/11	1 Chron 26-29	73	
T	14/11	2 Chron 1-4	74	
W	15/11	2 Chron 5-8	75	
T	16/11	2 Chron 9-12	76	
F	17/11	2 Chron 13-15	77	
M	20/11	2 Chron 16-18	78	
T	21/11	2 Chron 19-21	79	
W	22/11	2 Chron 22-24	80	
T	23/11	2 Chron 25-27	81	
F	24/11	2 Chron 28-30	82	
M	27/11	2 Chron 31-32	83	
T	28/11	2 Chron 33-34	84	
W	29/11	2 Chron 35	85	
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This plan takes you through the Old Testament in one year. The Old Testament Scriptures are divided up into thirteen “chapters” and organized in semi-chronological order. You’ll read two or three chapters a day, and sometimes skim through larger portions that contain genealogies, census information, etc.

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One Psalm is listed each day for you to slowly pray through, making its words your own. By the end you’ll have prayed through the book of Psalms 2.5 times.

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1 & 2 Chronicles

Like the Books of Samuel and Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles was also written as the single Book of Chronicles in the Hebrew Bible. Many readers today, however, skip reading it when they find that it repeats much of the material from its previous books. But is Chronicles necessary to read? Yes, it is!

Chronicles is the last Book in the Hebrew Bible as it summarizes the continued relationship between God and Israel through the Blessing of Abraham. The arrangement of the content in Chronicles invites the reader to explore the stories of each section and reveal interesting details about David, Solomon, God's temple, the kings of Judah, and how they work together. Chronicles is also an excellent historical reference for those studying specific facts in the Scriptures.

Time to pull up your sleeves and embark on a treasure hunt to dig up the "gems" in God's Word!

From Adam to David and beyond, 1 and 2 Chronicles begins with genealogies of important players in the storyline of God's Word, God's Messiah and the priesthood.

David and Solomon's lives are recapped, detailing their accomplishments and building God's temple. An example of the new King David is established “in this arrangement”.



As Chronicles reflects the positive elements of Israel's past, themes of hope for the Messianic king and the post-exile rebuilding of God's temple are highlighted.

Stories of good, evil, hope and courage are accounted through David's royal lineage in the kingdom of Judah, Asa, Hehoshaphat and Hezekiah are especially noted.

After decades of exile, Persia overpowers Babylon and allows Israel to return home. Cyrus proclaims their release, though his last semtemce is left unfinished.