
1Chronicles

Overview

The books of [1Chronicles](#) and [2Chronicles](#) record much of the same history as [1 and 2Samuel](#) and [1 and 2Kings](#). However the books of [1 and 2Chronicles](#) differ in a variety of ways including:

- Focusing only on the southern kingdom of Judah
- Emphasizing the Jewish Temple
- Ending with the decree to allow the captives to return

Genealogies

The exacting detail of the genealogies played an important role in Israel after their captivity. They reestablished each tribe's

membership and sense of history and documented the ancestral lines of the priests and Messiah. The genealogies also contain rich stories buried within them. On a personal basis, reading the genealogies reminds people of God's desire for each generation to leave another generation following God.

Point of Interest

Notice that the method of carrying the ark differs when you compare [1Chronicles 15](#) to [2Samuel 6](#). The construction of the ark was for people to carry it on their shoulders rather than placing it in a cart. Consider the problems that arose when they placed the ark on a cart.

Personal Reflection and Application

Notice in [1Chronicles 14](#) that when David was faced with a challenge, he asked God what to do. Soon after that, he faced a similar challenge. He didn't assume that he should do the same thing as he did the last time. Again, he asked God what he should do.

- Do you ask God each time before you make a major move?
- Do you double check with God even if the situation is similar to one you have already had?

Small Group Conversation Guide

In **1Chronicles 26** David placed emphasis on assigning porters to maintain the house of the Lord.

Porters had two basic responsibilities.

- Guard the gates and the comings and goings
- Guard the treasure and things dedicated to God

It is important to guard what comes in and out of our gates [eyes, ears, tongue].

- What can we do to guard what comes in our eye gate and ear gate?
- What can we do to guard what comes out of our tongue gate?

It is important to guard whatever we dedicate to God and to guard ourselves as the temple of God.

- What kind of things do we dedicate to God and how can we guard them?
- How can we keep our temple in good shape for God?

Leadership Principles from 1Chronicles

Transition a Responsibility

When it's time to transition a responsibility to another leader, consider how David transitioned the kingdom to Solomon.

1Chr 22:5	Gathered materials and resources for the new king.
1Chr 22:12-13	Gave his best advice. Shared his lessons learned.
1Chr 22:16	Gave a firm command to the new leader.

Use David's example when you prepare a new leader.

- Do everything you can to help him or her start on the right foot.
- Share your lessons learned.
- Give a positive challenge to the new leader.

Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find in each chapter.
Try these:

01. How other nations had kings long before Israel	02. How the royal line included Judah and Tamar (Gen 38)
03. How Solomon became king but was not the firstborn	04. What Jabez prayed to the Lord
05. Why Reuben was able to defeat the Hagrites	06. How David appointed musicians to praise by the ark
07. Which tribe had their sons murdered for their cattle	08. How King Saul was not from Judah, the royal tribe
09. Which five tribes had people living in Jerusalem	10. What reasons were given for Saul's death
11. Why David poured out the water of Bethleleh	12. How David's army grew as he was hiding from Saul
13. What delayed David in bringing the ark of God home	14. Why God exalted and blessed David's kingdom
15. How the Levites transported the ark to Jerusalem	16. What role music played in ministering daily to God
17. How David learned he was not to build the temple	18. Why David was victorious (v.6, v13)
19. Why King Hanun doubted the intentions of David	20. What David did with the crown of his enemy
21. What prompted David to number the people	22. How Solomon knew he was to build the temple
23. Why the Levites stopped carrying the tabernacle	24. Why Eleazar's family served more than Ithamar's
25. How singing was viewed as prophesy put to music	26. How every gate required responsible watchmen
27. How long each army division would be on active duty	28. What David said would happen if they sought God
29. How the people offered financial gifts to the Lord	