

# 1 & 2 Chronicles



## Background

- How are the books of First and Second Chronicles related to each other? How does this affect the way we should read them?
- What are the ancient names of these books? What does this tell us about the nature and contents of these books?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the author of these books?
- Where are these books located in the English and Hebrew Bibles? What is the reason and significance of this?
- What part(s) of the Old Testament history do these books cover? Explain why two different answers are given for this question?

## Outline

- What are the four main sections of Chronicles? What does each section generally cover? What does this tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply 1 & 2 Chronicles?

## Content

- What are the key verses of Chronicles? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Kings? What does each tell us about God's people at that time and His relationship with them?
- How do the key verses summarize the reign of Saul? What is the significance of this?
- How do the key verses summarize the reign of David? What is the significance of this?
- What does God tell Solomon at the dedication of the temple? Why is this important? How does this apply?
- How do the key verses warn against sin? How should we respond?
- What is the difference between the way the books of Kings end and the way the books of Chronicles end? What does this tell us about the occasion for each book? What does this then tell us about the purpose for each book?
- What question were the books of Chronicles written to answer? What answer do they give? How is this reflected in the emphases of Chronicles and the way it tells the history? What should we learn from all this?
- What does the Lecture mean when it says that Chronicles was written from a priestly perspective? How is this reflected in the emphases of these books?
- What function do the genealogies serve in the books of Chronicles? How should we respond?
- What is the focus on the sections on David and Solomon? What does this tell us about the overall concerns and emphases of Chronicles?
- Describe the general contents of the section on Judah. How does this compare to the same history as told in Kings? Why does Chronicles have a different emphasis? What should we learn from this? How does it apply?
- How do the books of Chronicles end? Why is this significant? How should we respond?

## Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of 1 & 2 Chronicles? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- What is emphasized about David and his dynasty? How was this an encouragement to the first readers? How does this work out in the rest of Biblical history?
- Why does Chronicles emphasize the Temple and worship of God? How does this apply to modern worship?

## Review

Review the four major sections of 1 & 2 Chronicles and work toward committing this to memory.

Review the key themes of 1 & 2 Chronicles and work toward committing them to memory.