



1&2 Chronicles – Study Guide



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Study Guide for First Chronicles

Chapter 15:1-Chapter 16:7

- What does this episode narrate? How is this account similar to the account of the same event given in 2 Samuel? How is it different? What does this account leave out? What is the significance of this?
- What does this account emphasize about the role of the priests and Levites? What does this teach us about worshipping God? How does this apply?
- What does this account emphasize about the music aspect of Old Testament worship? What can we learn from this?
- What does this account tell us about the other roles for the Levites? What is the significance of this?
- Describe the atmosphere and ceremonies when the ark was brought into the city of David. How does this apply to modern worship today?
- What provisions did David make for the ongoing service of God at the ark of God? What does this tell us about the character of God and the way that God wants to be honored? How does this apply?

Chapter 17

- What does this episode narrate? How is this account similar to the account of the same events given in 2 Samuel? How is it different? What is the significance of this?

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- Describe the message that God gave Nathan to give to David. How does it relate to the desire of David to build God a house? What did God promise about the house that would be built for Him?
- What did God say about how He had treated David in the past? What did He promise about the future of David and God's people?
- What did God promise about the "house" He would build for David? What specifics were mentioned about David and his descendants? What time frame does God attach to the promises for David's descendants? How is this different from the way that God treated Saul? Why is this significant?
- How did David respond to this message from God? What did he pray for? What did he say about God? What did He ask God to do? What can we learn from this response? How does it apply?
- How do the promises of this chapter apply to the rest of the Old Testament history? How do they apply to the history of the entire Bible? What difference does this make?

Chapter 22:2-19

- Describe the preparations David made for the temple before his death. Describe the reason he did this. What can we learn from David's attitude and character in this episode?
- What did David say to Solomon? What did he tell him about the promises from God? How did this help and instruct Solomon what to do?
- What did David command Solomon to do? How did he command him to lead and rule? What does this demonstrate about the character of David and the kind of leader God wants for His people? What difference does this make?
- What did David tell Solomon about the provisions he had made for the temple? What did David tell the leaders of Israel regarding Solomon and the temple? What is the purpose David stated for building the temple? Why is this significant?

Chapter 28

- What did David tell the people concerning the temple building? What did he charge the people to do? What did he charge Solomon to do? What can we learn from these things?
- What things did David give instructions about concerning the temple? Where did he say these instructions came from? Why is that significant?
- What final instructions did David give to Solomon? How is this similar to things said to other leaders earlier in the Old Testament? What should we learn from this? How does it apply?

Chapter 29:10-30

- How did David describe God and His works in this prayer? What difference does this make?
- How did David describe himself and the people of Israel in this prayer? What does this tell us about their ability to build the temple, according to David? What can we learn from this?
- What did David ask God to do in this prayer? How can we imitate this kind of attitude in our own prayers?

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- How was Solomon acknowledged as king? Why was this important to do at that time?
- How does the end of this chapter describe the rule and death of David? What can we learn from this? How does it apply?

Study Guide for Second Chronicles

Chapter 5:2-Chapter 6:11

- Describe what happened in this section. What did the priests do? Why? How did this happen? How does Chronicles describe the result?
- What part did the musicians play in these events? Why do you think Chronicles includes these details? What is the content of the song they sang? What is the significance of this?
- What happened after the ark was brought into the temple? What is the significance of this?
- What did Solomon say to the people? What history did he recite? What does this tell us about God's character and plans for His people?

Chapter 6:12-Chapter 7:10

- What did Solomon pray to God before the dedication of the temple? How did he describe God? What did he ask God to do?
- What did he say about the inadequacy of the temple? Why did he mention this? What does this tell us about his understanding of God and his attitude in worship? Is this something we should imitate? Why or why not?
- What did Solomon ask God to do related to the temple? What are the various situations that Solomon mentioned and what did he ask God to do in each of these situations? Why? What does each of these tell us about the character of God and what He wants from His people? What does each of these tell us about the character of God and what His people can expect from Him? How do these things apply today?
- What specifically does Solomon mention and predict about when God's people sin against Him? What should God's people do in that situation? What should we ask from God in that situation? What difference does this make?
- What did Solomon request at the end of this prayer? What is the significance of this?
- What happened after Solomon finished praying? How did the people respond?
- How does it say that the people dedicated the temple? How was this similar to other ceremonies seen earlier in the Old Testament? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 7:11-22

- Describe the main message that God said to Solomon after the dedication of the temple. How does this apply to us today?
- What are the various situations that God addressed? What are the various possible responses His people could do? What are the promised results from each of these options? How should we respond to this?
- What did God specifically promise about Solomon and his reign? What were the conditions for this promise? Why is that significant?

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- What specific warnings did God give Solomon? How are the consequences related to the temple? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 20:1-29

- How did Jehoshaphat respond to the news about the invading army? What can we learn from this?
- What did Jehoshaphat pray about? What did he say about God? How is this related to earlier history? What did he ask God to do? Describe the attitude of Jehoshaphat demonstrated by this prayer? How can we imitate this kind of attitude and dependent prayer?
- What is the message God gave the people through the prophet? What did He tell the people to do? What did He promise would happen? Why?
- How did Jehoshaphat and the people respond to the message from God?
- What did Jehoshaphat tell the people before the battle? What did he command the people to do? What happened after that? What was the ultimate result of this episode? How did the people respond?

Chapter 22:10-Chapter 23:21

- What did Athaliah do? Was this a good thing? Why or why not?
- How did Jehosheba respond to Athaliah's actions? Was this a good thing? Why or why not? What was the result of this?
- What did Jehoiada do? How did he do it?
- What did Jehoiada say to the priests and Levites? What did he command them to do? How did he provide for them?
- What happened when they proclaimed Joash as king? How did the people respond? How did Athaliah respond? What happened to her? Good!
- What happened after the death of Athaliah? How did the people respond? What specifically does it say that they did? What does this tell about the spiritual state of Judah before and after this event?

Chapter 24:1-25

- What is the evaluation given of Joash king of Judah? Do you detect any foreshadowing in the way this is worded? What is the significance of this?
- What did Joash do to restore the temple? Why was this restoration necessary? How did he go about doing this? What was the result?
- What did Joash do after the death of Jehoiada? What can we learn from this?
- How did God respond to what Joash had done? What did He say to him?
- How did Joash respond to the prophet giving the message from God? What evaluation does the author of Chronicles give about this?
- What happened after this? What lesson should we learn from this?

Chapter 29

- What evaluation does Chronicles give of Hezekiah king of Judah? What is the significance of this?
- What did Hezekiah do at the beginning of his reign? Why was this necessary? How did he go about doing this? How is this similar to earlier events in Chronicles?

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- What did Hezekiah say to the priests about the reason for cleansing the temple? What did he mention about his plans and the purpose for doing these things? What difference does this make?
- What did Hezekiah do after the temple had been cleansed? How were these ceremonies similar to earlier events in Israel's history? Why were these things necessary?
- What provisions did Hezekiah make for the ongoing work at the temple? Why is this significant?

Chapter 30:1-Chapter 31:1

- Who did Hezekiah invite to celebrate the Passover in Jerusalem? What specifically did he say to the people of the northern kingdom? Why is this significant? How did the people respond?
- Describe the ceremony of the Passover that took place and the general activity in Jerusalem at that time.
- What did Hezekiah pray for the people at that time?
- How does Chronicles describe the rest of this festival? What is significant about this?
- What happened after the end of the festival? What does this demonstrate about the effectiveness of the festival and the spiritual state of the people at that time? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 34

- What evaluation does Chronicles give of Josiah king of Judah? What is the significance of this?
- Describe the reforms which Josiah did. What should we learn from these things? How did they cleanse the land and fix the religious problems?
- How were Josiah's reforms similar to earlier reforms seen in Chronicles? What do you think the author was trying to accomplish in highlighting these things?
- What was found in the temple? How did Josiah respond? How is this account similar to the account of the same events in Kings?
- What did Josiah do to renew the covenant between God and the people? How did the people respond? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 35

- Describe how Josiah celebrated the Passover. How is this account similar to the prior account from Hezekiah's reign? What different emphases were made? Why?
- How does the author of Chronicles evaluate this celebration of the Passover? What is the significance of this?
- How did Josiah die? How does Chronicles describe the reaction to his death? What does this demonstrate about the character and accomplishments of Josiah? What can we learn from this?

Chapter 36:15-23

- How does Chronicles summarize the fall of Jerusalem? What reason does it give for this happening?
- What decree did Cyrus king of Persia make? Why? What does this imply about the future of God's people after the end of Chronicles? Why does this matter?

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Study Guide for Textbook chapter 17

The Author and His Purpose

- What does the textbook suggest about the authorship of these books? What does the textbook suggest about the date these books were written?
- Where does the majority of the material in Chronicles come from, according to the textbook?
- What does the textbook say about the selectivity of Chronicles? How does this relate to the author's purpose in writing it? How does this help us understand Chronicles better?
- In what sense is Chronicles the "first Bible commentary"? Do you think this description is accurate? Why or why not?

Themes of the Books of Chronicles

- According to the textbook, what kind of ideas does Chronicles NOT emphasize? Why not? What difference does this make?

David and His Dynasty

- According to the textbook, how does Chronicles emphasize David and his contribution to Israel's history?
- What part does the Davidic covenant play in the Old Testament? Why is this significant?
- What is the function of kingship in Israel, according to the textbook's description of Chronicles?
- How else are David and Solomon significant in Chronicles?

The Temple and the Worship of God

- According to the textbook, how did the temple function in the life of the people Chronicles was writing for? How is this related to its function in earlier history? What does this teach us for today?
- According to the textbook, how does Chronicles evaluate the kings of Judah? What is significant about this?

Review the Study Questions and Summary at the end of the chapter