



1 Chronicles 17:5 *“I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up out of Egypt to this day. I have moved from one tent site to another, from one dwelling place to another.”*

This is a strange book. The first nine chapters give us an account of the genealogy traced back to Adam. Then in the last part of chapter nine we have a detailed mention of King Saul and his son. Chapter 10 then goes into some depth of the reign of Saul. Then it's all about King David after that. The Kings was a look at Israel through man's eyes. The Chronicles is God's view. This is not an account of who men picked as king but who God appointed. I like highlighting the name of God in the Bible. This book has a ton of highlights. 1 Chronicles is showing us God's interaction with the Kings of Israel.

### **Narrative**

Because this was written after the captivity in Babylon, we have an outside view. Whoever wrote these works decided to tell us how we got here. In many places in the Bible, we have men recount the story so far. Moses, Stephen and Peter did it. This account called the chronicles is two books. The first opens with a detailed account of the lineage to David. The first King Saul is given one chapter from rise to fall. David is highlighted throughout the rest of this book. In my Bible are headlines above each chapter. Two of those headlines tell the story of David. “Doing things for the right reason, the wrong way.” “Doing things for the right reason, the right way.” Ruth and the Judges are not historically mentioned in this 1<sup>st</sup> book.

### **Intent**

The intent of this book is simple: remember where we came from. In Texas was a war between the Americans and the Mexicans. An outpost called the Alamo was lost in that war. Texans came up with a slogan called “remember the Alamo.” We must remember that a whole new generation of Jewish descendants are coming out of captivity. They are far removed from the Jewish people who stayed in Jerusalem for 70 years. How to bring new people into an old nation and give them pride. Tell the remnant who they are and where they came from. Paint David as a hero. The sin with Bathsheba is not even mentioned.

I like the idea that this is the gospel of David. 2 Samuel tells us one view of David while 1 Chronicles gives us another. Interestingly enough David’s sins are not totally left out. I think one of the most realistic and integral part of the Bible is it’s honesty. The picture given of David is real. The remnant that came out of the captivity probably did not truly know who they were. It’s said that many wanted to stay in Babylon because it’s all they knew. The chronicles give these people a reference point to who they were within the Jewish nation. They were also able to know who they were in God’s kingdom. The roles of the twelve tribes are detailed well.

## **Characters**

David, Solomon

## **Who wrote this book?**

By tradition Ezra wrote the book.

## **Famous verses**

1. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 The prayer of Jabez
2. 1 Chronicles 16:26 idols vs God

3. 1 Chronicles 16:31 the Lord reign
4. 1 Chronicles 17:5 God does not dwell in a house
5. 1 Chronicles 17:11-12 the Davidic covenant
6. 1 Chronicles 21 David dealing with his sin

### **Controversies, issues, and Questions**

1. Chronicles and kings are different

### **Connections**

**1 Chronicles 17:5** (John 15:26) God will dwell in people 1 Chronicles 17:12 (Matthew) 1:1

Jesus is in the line Of David