

An Old Testament Glance

The History Books – 2 Chronicles

Written	340 BC	Period*	975-525 BC	Author	Unknown
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*Dates are sometimes hard to know. They can vary depending on scholars & sources of information.

1 Chronicles 1-9	King Solomon Builds the Temple
1 Chronicles 10-36	History of King Rehoboam through the Babylonian Invasion

Remember that the nation of Israel split into the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah).

1. From your memory, which kings were evil and which were Godly?
 - a. Northern Kings ___ Godly ___ Evil
 - b. Southern Kings
2. Which Kingdom did King's David's ancestors rule & reign?

___ Israel (Northern) ___ Judah (Southern)



Ezra, the author of the Chronicles, did not write about the Northern Kingdom's kings. He wrote only about the kings of the Southern Kingdom (Judah). He wanted the people of Israel to focus on the Godly lives & the benefits of those choices.

3. Solomon took over the throne from his father, King David.
 - a. What great decision did Solomon make to start out? (2 Chr. 1:7-12)

 - b. What major job did Solomon do that his father, King David, was not allowed to do by God? (2 Chr. 2-9)

The rest of the book (chapters 10-36) discusses all the kings of Judah. These are supposed to represent the Godly reigns in the nation of Israel. Solomon starts out the list before the split of the nation of Israel. After building the temple, he was known for his great WISDOM, his great WEALTH, his great ACHIEVEMENTS, his great REPUTATION. These could be good things or they could be dangerous & damaging things in his life.

4. Regardless of all this greatness, what did God tell him? (2 Chr. 7:12-22)

5. Briefly describe the Kings of Judah.

- a. Rehoboam (2 Chr. 12:1) _____
- b. Abijah (2 Chr. 13:10) _____
- c. Asa (2 Chr. 14:2) _____
- d. Jehoshaphat (2 Chr. 17:1-7) _____
- e. Jehoram (2 Chr 21:6) _____
- f. Ahaziah (2 Chr. 22:3-4) _____
- g. Joash (2 Chr. 24:2) _____
- h. Amaziah (2 Chr. 25:2) _____
- i. Uzziah (2 Chr. 26:4-5) _____
- j. Jotham (2 Chr. 27:2) _____
- k. Ahaz (2 Chr. 28:1) _____
- l. Hezekiah (2 Chr. 29:2) _____
- m. Manasseh (2 Chr. 33:2) _____
- n. Amon (2 Chr. 33:22) _____
- o. Josiah (2 Chr. 34:2) _____
- p. Jehoahaz (2 Chr. 36:1-2) – He was removed by the king for Egypt.
- q. Jehoiakim (2 Chr. 36:5-6) – Evil/He was removed by Babylonian king.
- r. Jehoichin (2 Chr. 36:9-10) – Evil/He was removed by Babylonian king.
- s. Zedekiah (2 Chr. 36:11-12 – Evil/He was removed by Babylonian king.

You have seen that these men were not all godly, yet, God had them in leadership. You have also seen that some of the godly kings started out good and then screwed up and turned from pleasing God.

Ezra wrote this book of chronicles (time-line events) to show the people that God wants them to obey Him and follow His ways, and that success & prosperity & blessing were possible for their lives back in the Land of Israel even though there would failures & disobedience along the way.

6. What is the importance of 1 & 2 Chronicles? (Your opinion)
