

Purpose

To trace the Davidic line and to teach that genuine worship ought to be the center of individual and national life

Penman

Ezra, according to Jewish tradition

Date Written

Approximately 430 BC, recording events that occurred from about 1000-960 BC

Setting

1 Chronicles parallels *2 Samuel* and serves as its commentary; written after the Exile from a priestly point of view, *1 Chronicles* emphasizes the religious history of Judah and Israel

Key People

David and Solomon

Key Places

Hebron, Jerusalem, and the Temple

Key Verse

"David realized that the Lord had made him king over Israel and Judah and had made his kingdom very great for the sake of His people Israel. "

1 Chronicles 14:2

An Overview (29 Chapters)

- The Genealogies of Israel (*1:1-9:44*)
- The Reign of David (*10:1-29:30*)

Major Themes

- *Israel's History*: By retelling Israel's history in the genealogies and the stories of the kings, the writer laid down the true spiritual foundation for the nation. God kept His promises, and we are reminded of them in the historical record of His people, leaders, prophets, priests, and kings.
- *God's People*: By listing the names of people in Israel's past, God established Israel's true heritage. They were all one family in Adam, one nation in Abraham, one priesthood in Levi, and one kingdom in David. The national and spiritual unity of the people was important to the rebuilding of the nation.
- *King David*: The story of David's life and his relationship with God showed that he was God's appointed leader. David's devotion to God, the law, the Temple, true worship, the people, and justice sets the standard for what God's chosen king should be like.
- *True Worship*: The Temple stood as the throne of God on earth, the place of true worship. God's true throne is in the hearts of His people. When we acknowledge Him as the true King over our lives, true worship takes place.
- *The Priests*: God ordained the priests and Levites to guide the people in faithful worship according to His law. By leading the people in worship according to God's design, the priests and Levites were an important safeguard to Israel's faith.