



Main Point: Historically 1st Samuel - 2nd Kings provides a recorded account of God's dealings with the children of Israel by way of a human perspective. In these 4 books this is illustrated by the central focal point being the throne in Israel. Though 1st & 2nd Chronicles covers the same period of Israel's history, it's written from the divine perspective of God with it's focal point being the altar located in the temple. With this in mind, Chronicles interprets this period of history by providing emphasis on the details critical to God's over-arching plan of redemption.

With the people in exile, 1st Chronicles was written to encourage Israel by reminding her that God had promised a Savior would come through the lineage of King David. It was this promise, along with the former covenants of God, that should serve as the basis of Israel's hope and expectation. 1 Chronicles communicates that our hope should rest in the reality "God has a proven track record", "God's will is not dependant on human involvement", "God does not require perfect people to accomplish His purposes".

1. Proven Track Record.... 1 Chronicles 1-9

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| a. Promise Moves from Adam - Isaac | 1 Chronicles 1 |
| b. Promise Moves from Isaac - Jacob's Sons | 1 Chronicles 2-9 |
| - Family Lineage of Judah - King David | 1 Chronicles 2:3-4:23 |
| - Family Lineage of the Other Patriarchs | 1 Chronicles 4:24-9:44 |

2. Not Dependant on Human Involvement.... 1 Chronicles 10

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| a. Tragedy of the Reign of King Saul | 1 Chronicles 10:1-14 |
| - Record of Saul's Death | 1 Chronicles 10:1-12 |
| - Reason for Saul's Death | 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 |

3. Does Not Require Perfect People.... 1 Chronicles 11-29

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| a. David & His Mighty Men | 1 Chronicles 11-13 |
| b. David's Anointing | 1 Chronicles 14 |
| c. David & the Ark of the Covenant | 1 Chronicles 15 |
| c. David & His Worship | 1 Chronicles 16 |
| d. Davidic Covenant | 1 Chronicles 17 |
| e. David & His Reign | 1 Chronicles 18-21 |
| f. David's Heart for the Temple | 1 Chronicles 22-27 |
| - Building Preparations | 1 Chronicles 22 |
| - Staffing Personal | 1 Chronicles 23-27 |
| g. David Enthrones Solomon | 1 Chronicles 28-29 |

Important Passage....

"Remember His covenant forever, the word which He commanded.... the covenant which He made with Abraham.... and Isaac.... and confirmed it to Jacob.... to Israel for an everlasting covenant." - 1 Chronicles 16: 15-17



Day 1: God in the Battle....

1 Chronicles 5:11-22 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Knowing the purpose behind Chronicles is to help the people remember key truths concerning God, why is this story so important? (2). What can we learn about prayer from the way this story develops? (3). What is God's ultimate response when we place our trust in Him?

Day 2: Fragric Ending....

1 Chronicles 10:1-14 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What makes the ending of Saul's life so tragic? (2). Though there were a few good moments during Saul's reign, what did God remember about this king? (3). In what way did Saul's life serve as a warning to the children of Israel.... what can you learn from his death?

Day 3: Cool Drink....

1 Chronicles 11:10-19 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Why do you think David had such a strong connection to this group of men listed in this passage? (2). From the example of these two men going to get David a glass of water, what can you learn about true friendship? (3). Why do you think David poured the water out as a worship to the Lord?

Day 4: Learning Lessons....

1 Chronicles 15:1-29 // THINKING POINTS: (1). In 2 Samuel 6, David commanded that the Ark be brought to Jerusalem, but this exercise was not done according to the Word and Uzzah died.... did David learn from this experience? (2). From a quick overview of Chronicles was this story recorded? (3). How do we know David learned from his previous mistake?

Day 5: Song of the King....

1 Chronicles 16:7-36 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What do you learn about David from the song he pens in chapter 16? (2). What connection do you see between our worship of God and our knowledge of God and our experiences with God. (3). When was the last time you expressed your love for God is an act of worship?

Day 6: Parting Words....

1 Chronicles 28 // THINKING POINTS: (1). If David's final words were to you, what challenge would jump out? (2). Though David (as Dad) had set the stage for Solomon (the Son), what was required of Solomon? (3). Are you riding on the faith of your parents?

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