

# The People in Jerusalem

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The Chronicles were written to those who were rebuilding Jerusalem following the Babylonian captivity. The history helped reestablish continuity with the past. It depicts the faithfulness and promises of God to His people, the power of the Word of God and the central role of worship in the lives of God's people. The people are reminded of their heritage, and that God remains with them. In turn, they must remain faithful to God. The positive aspects of David's reign remind us of the importance of doing things God's way and in God's timing. David's choice to follow God's plan brings blessings to Israel. He united the tribes and delivered Israel from enemies.

## Weekly Reading Plan

Day 1: 1 CH 9:35 - 11:47  
Day 2: 1 CH 12:1- 15:29  
Day 3: PS 8, 19, 29, 32, 65, 68, 103  
Day 4: PS 108, 138, 1 CH 16:1-43  
Day 5: PS 96, 105, 106  
Day 6: PS 39, 62, 50, 73-79  
Day 7: PS 80-83, 88

## Outline

Genealogy of Saul [Day 1]  
The Beginning of David's Reign [Day 1-2]  
The Return of the Ark of the Covenant [Day 2, 4]  
Music in the Temple [Day 4]  
Psalms of the Musicians [Day 5-7]

## Key Characters

Saul  
David  
David's warriors

## Key Locations

Israel  
Jerusalem  
Mt. Gilboa  
Hebron

## Key Terms

Worship  
Faithfulness  
Ark of the Covenant

## Key Verses

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually [1 CH 16: 11]

Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. [1CH 16:24-25]

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth [PS 8:1]

He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken [PS 62:6]

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge. [PS 73: 28]

## Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

**1Ch9:** Jerusalem was resettled by Judah, Benjamin, Ephraim and Manasseh; there were priests and Levite gatekeepers. Kish was father of Saul.

**1Ch10:** The Philistines fought Israel and Saul fell on his sword. The Israelites fled. Saul died for his unfaithfulness against the LORD.

**1Ch11:** The elders anointed David king. David's mighty men included the three who brought him water from Bethlehem. Abishai led the thirty.

**1Ch12:** Benjaminites and Gadites went over to David at Ziklag. David made them officers. People kept coming until there was a great army.

**1Ch13:** David said, "Let us bring the ark back." As they carried the ark Uzzah steadied it and was struck down. David took it to Obed-edom.

**1Ch14:** David had more children. The Philistines attacked; David inquired of God and when he heard marching in the trees he defeated them.

**1Ch15:** David told the Levites to carry the ark. Heman, Asaph and Ethan were the musicians. The ark was brought into the city of David.

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**Ps19:** The heavens declare the glory of God. The law of the LORD is perfect, making wise the simple. May my words be pleasing to you, O LORD.

**Ps29:** Ascribe to the LORD glory! The voice of the LORD is over the waters. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness. The LORD is king!

**Ps32:** Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away. You surround me with glad cries of deliverance!

**Ps65:** Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion. By awesome deeds you answer us. You silence the roaring seas. You crown the year with abundance.

**Ps103:** Bless the LORD, O my soul. He forgives all your iniquity. He has compassion on those who fear him. Bless the LORD, all his works!

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Ps108: My heart is steadfast, O God. Your love is great above the heavens. God has spoken: "Judah is my sceptre." Help us against the enemy!

Ps138: I give you thanks, O LORD! All the kings of the earth will praise you. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

1Ch16: They made offerings and David appointed singers. "Give thanks to the LORD; He is greatly to be praised!" Asaph ministered each day.

Ps96: Sing to the LORD! Declare his glory among the nations. Worship the LORD in holy splendour. He will judge the world in righteousness.

Ps105: Give thanks to the LORD! He has remembered his covenant. He sent Moses to perform signs. He brought his people out of Egypt with joy.

Ps106: The LORD is good! We have sinned like our fathers. They forgot their God. They served idols. But the LORD remembered his covenant.

Ps39: When I was silent, my anguish increased. O LORD, what is the measure of my days? My hope is in you. Deliver me from my transgressions.

Ps62: My soul waits for God alone. He alone is my rock and my salvation. Trust in him at all times, O people. Power and love belong to God.

Ps50: The Mighty One, God the LORD speaks: "I will not accept bulls and goats. For you hate discipline. Offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Ps73: Surely God is good to the pure in heart. I envied the wicked until I saw their end. They are swept away. God is my portion forever.

Ps74: O God, why have you rejected us? Foes have defiled your sanctuary. How long will they mock? You are king from of old. Rise up, O God!

Ps75: We give thanks to you, O God. "I say to the boastful, 'Do not boast.'" God is the judge. The wicked will drain the dregs of his cup.

Ps76: God is known in Judah. You are glorious, more majestic than the mountains. The earth feared and was still when God arose to judgement.

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**Ps77:** In the day of trouble I sought the LORD. Has he withdrawn his compassion? You are the God of wonders. Your path led through the sea.

**Ps78:** God worked miracles in Egypt. He brought his people to the holy land. They rebelled and he rejected them. He chose David to tend them.

**Ps79:** O God, the nations have invaded and shed blood like water. How long, O LORD? Save us for your name's sake. Make your vengeance known!

**Ps80:** Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel! How long will you be angry? Restore us, O God. Watch over the vine that you planted. Restore us, O God.

**Ps81:** Sing aloud to God our strength. I hear a voice: "I am the LORD. Oh, that my people would listen to me! I would subdue their enemies."

**Ps82:** God judges among the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly? Defend the weak. You are all gods, but you shall die." Arise, O God!

**Ps83:** O God, do not keep silent! Your enemies make plans against your people. Edom, Moab, Amalek and Philistia. Let them be put to shame.

**Ps88:** O LORD, day and night I cry out to you. You have put me in the darkest depths. Do the dead rise up to praise you? I am in despair.

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## Big Ideas in 1 & 2 CHRONICLES

God's blessings on the Israelites are the result of obedience; his curses are the result of disobedience

God will restore his people if they repent

Solomon's greatest achievement is building the temple

The temple is the central place of worship and symbolizes God's presence among his people

Source: The NIV Quickview Bible - [www.thequickviewbible.com](http://www.thequickviewbible.com)

## Literary Devices

The top ten most common poetic images used in Psalms and the number of times they appear

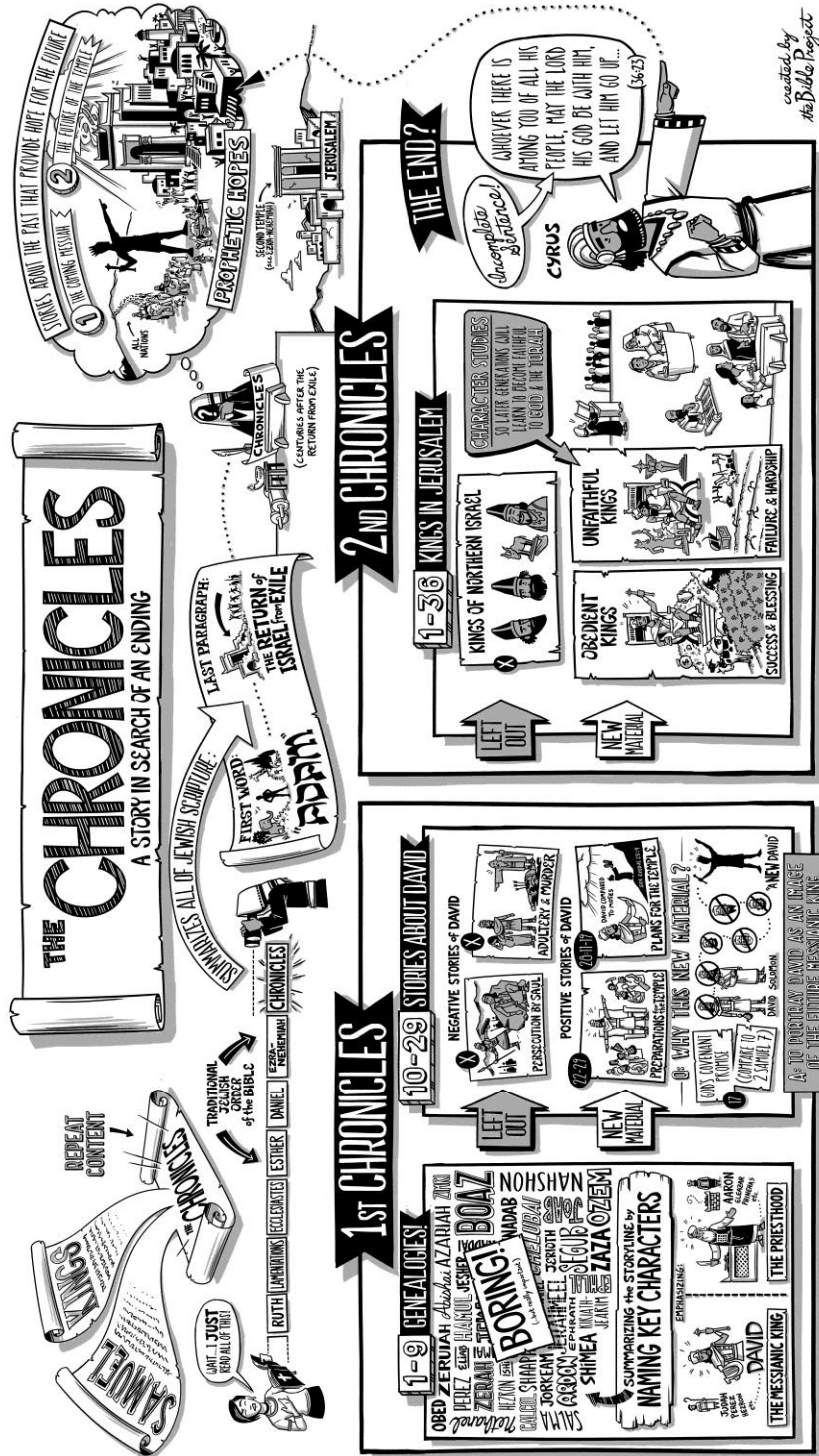
God's law	198
107 Skies/Heavens	
Water	94
85 Royalty	
Natural disasters	82
66 Refuge/Rock	
Plants	57
51 Zion	
Servant	38
36 Way/Path	

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## Notes for Discussion

What did I learn about God?

What did I learn about human nature?

How does what I read apply to my life and my relationship with God?

Insights about the time and/or customs?

Other thoughts

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## What did I learn about God?

- Do you think God's will has anything to do with national elections or national prosperity, as was so obvious in David's day?
- In PS 19, who speaks in verses 1-4? What do "they" say? Is the truth about God in nature obvious to everyone? Why don't some people "hear" it? What does the revelation through Scripture do for us that the revelation in creation does not (v11)?
- What picture of God is drawn in PS 50:1-6? Whom is God addressing and judging? What is God's message to the religious in PS 50:7-15? Is it wrong to offer sacrifices as decreed in the Law? What does God want of His people (PS 50:22-23)?
- What kind of God would you prefer: one who is strong or loving? In PS 62:11-12, what two things has David heard about God? How does this impact your thoughts about God?

## What did I learn about human nature?

- In 1 CH 11, what managerial and motivational techniques does David use to reach his impossible goal?
- 1 CH is filled with war stories. Why is it important for a nation to remember the battles it has been through? Where do we find memorials to our "mighty men" today?
- 1 CH 15-16, we get some insight into how David worshipped. What would a worship service led by David be like today? What sights and sounds would surprise us? How would this type of service be received?
- What is the source of blessedness or happiness in PS 32? What has David realized about God in versus 6-7? What picture would you use to describe forfeiting God's blessing by covering up your own sin?

## What did I learn about my life/relationship with God?

- In 1 CH 12:23-40, huge numbers spent 3 days being joyful over David's coronation. When have you given joy three days of your time? Why do we often feel guilty about such time-consuming pleasure?
- In 1 CH 13:12, David was afraid of God. Do you treat God with more reverential awe or more familiarity? Why?
- Do you tend to forget about the past and live for now? Or do you tend to relive and reflect on the past? Why does the chronicler want Israel to remember the past?
- What storm blows through your life now (or in the past)? Are you responding like the people in PS 29, giving glory to God for ruling over the storm? Or are you like nature – in uproar? Would you find peace by recognizing the Lord of the storm? Why or why not?

## Insights about the time and/or customs?

- Why bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem? Could having an exclusive house of worship in the capital serve any political purpose for David?
- Why would the author retell a story that's already been told elsewhere? Is there some benefit to seeing an old story with new eyes? Why does the book mainly focus on the Southern Kingdom of Judah and barely mention the Northern Kingdom of Israel?