

1 Chronicles Commentaries

2 KINGS

2 CHRONICLES

1 CHRONICLES RESOURCES

Commentary, Sermon, Illustration, Devotional

TIMELINE OF THE BOOKS OF SAMUEL, KINGS & CHRONICLES									
1107	1011				971	931	853	722	586
1Samuel	2Samuel				1Kings	1Kings	2Kings		
31	1-4	5-10	11-20	21-24	1-11	12-22	1-17	18-25	
1Chr 10		1Chr 11-19		1Chr 20-29	2Chronicles 1-9	2Chronicles 10-20	2Chronicles 21-36		
Legend: B.C. dates at top of timeline are approximate. Note that 931BC marks the division of the Kingdom into Southern Tribes (Judah and Benjamin) and Ten Northern Tribes. To avoid confusion be aware that after the division of the Kingdom in 931BC, the Southern Kingdom is most often designated in Scripture as " Judah " and the Northern Kingdom as " Israel ." Finally, note that 1Chronicles 1-9 is not identified on the timeline because these chapters are records of genealogy.									

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Summary of First and Second Chronicles...

- I. Selected Genealogical History of Israel (1 Chronicles 1–9)
- II. Israel’s United Kingdom Under Saul (1 Chronicles 10), David (1 Chr 11–29), Solomon (2 Chr 1–9)
- III. Judah’s Monarchy in the Divided Kingdom (2 Chronicles 10–36:21)
- IV. Judah’s Release From Seventy Years of Captivity (2 Chronicles 36:22, 23)

(Adapted from [The MacArthur Study Bible](#) - borrow)

1 Chronicles covers the same period of time as **2 Samuel** and both describe the reign of David (**See the Timeline above**) whereas **2 Chronicles** covers the same period of time as **1 Kings and 2 Kings** and both describe the time from Solomon to the Babylonian Captivity. In Chronicles the kings of Israel (See table below where **Jeroboam I** identifies first of the kings of the 10 Northern tribes) are not mentioned unless they do something that relates to the kings of Judah. Note that the word "**chronicle**" means "a continuous and detailed account of historical events arranged in order of time." In First and Second Chronicles God has given us a very accurate history so that we can know all that He wants us to know about the period of the kings.

W A Criswell writes that Chronicles was...

Originally entitled "the words of the days" (divre hayyamim, Heb.), meaning "journals" (cf. 27:24), and compiled as a single book. 1 and 2 Chronicles were separated by the translators of the Septuagint circa 180 B.C. and named "*things omitted*" (paraleipomena, Gk.), to indicate that they contain things omitted from the Books of Samuel and Kings. Although the author and date are not stated, the Talmudic tradition that the Chronicles were penned by Ezra may be correct. Nevertheless, it is customary to speak of the author simply as "the chronicler." Written from a priestly perspective, the main emphasis centers on the temple in Jerusalem, the Levitical priesthood, and the theocratic lineage of David. The genealogies and narrative of 1 Chronicles span the period from Adam to the end of the life of David. Second Chronicles recounts the downfall of the Davidic dynasty from Solomon to the Exile. Chronicles mentions the northern kingdom (Israel) only incidentally and contains the most complete statistical lists found in the entire Bible. The final verses of Chronicles (2Chr. 36:22, 23) are repeated in Ezra 1:1-3. The style, substance, and thrust of the Chronicles are carried on through Ezra and Nehemiah. Many believe Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah had the same author. If not, the latter two still serve as a fitting sequel. Chronicles follows the people of God into Exile; Ezra and Nehemiah follow them out of Exile and prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah.

The Chronicles were written to the returned remnant who were rebuilding Jerusalem following their seventy-year Babylonian captivity. The history of the Southern Kingdom (Judah) is presented in such a way as to help restore its religious and national heritage by showing its unbroken connection with the patriarchal beginnings. The primary historical theme centers about the priestly worship of Judah, from the time of Saul until the return of the Jewish nation to the land following the decree of Cyrus (538 B.C.). This religious history 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. In order to underscore these elements, the genealogies point to the forthcoming Messiah and are completed by those recorded in the New Testament (cf. Matt. 1:1-16; Luke 3:23-38). (From [The Believer's Study Bible](#))

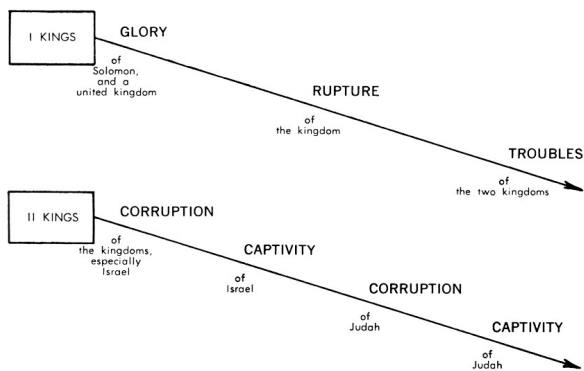
Myer Pearlman writes "Though "Kings" and "Chronicles" show great similarity in the matter of their contents, they are written from different viewpoints, the former being written from the human viewpoint, the latter, from the Divine. To illustrate:

1 Kings 14:20 recording the death of Jeroboam, tells us that he "slept with his fathers." That is the human viewpoint.

2 Chronicles 13:20, recording the same event, tells us that "the Lord struck him and he died." That is the divine viewpoint.

Dr. A. T. Pierson: While much contained in the Books of Kings is repeated or restated in the Chronicles, much is omitted because foreign to the author's purpose. But whatever bears on the temple, its preservation and restoration, the purity of its worship, the regularity and orderliness of its services; whatever makes idolatrous rites or relics hateful, or lifts God to His true throne in the hearts of the people, is here emphasized. (Quoted from Paul Apple's 724 page commentary on 1-2 Chronicles - [click for introductory statements from multiple authors.](#))

J Sidlow Baxter writes about those genealogies - Nine chapters of genealogical table I hate waste of space! Nay, rather, what blindness to think part of the Chronicles is more important. Such lines of descent were of sacred importance to all godly Jews, and rightly so, for they knew that their nation, besides being the repository of a special Divine revelation, was the possessor of wonderful Divine promises reaching on to unborn generations. The chronicler himself knew well enough that these genealogies reveal the selective process of Divine election right from Adam downwards, and that the covenant line of redemptive purpose was to culminate in the Messiah. Especially did the preservation of the trunk and main branches of Israel's family tree become vital after the Babylonian exile (when the Chronicles were written). Families had been uprooted by the thousand. Connections had been broken. Many records had been lost (see for instance Ezra 2:59), and Judah's archives must have become largely disintegrated even where not actually destroyed. Our chronicler's lists link the pre-Exile with the post-Exile period; for (as should be clearly grasped) 1Chr 9:2-34 concerns the resettlement in Judaea after the Exile. The break is marked by the first verse of that chapter, which should really be the last verse of the preceding chapter. The Angus Bible Handbook remarks: "These tables give the sacred line through which the promise was transmitted for nearly 3,500 years, a fact unexampled in the history of the human race." (Click pdf of [J.Sidlow Baxter's Explore The Book](#))



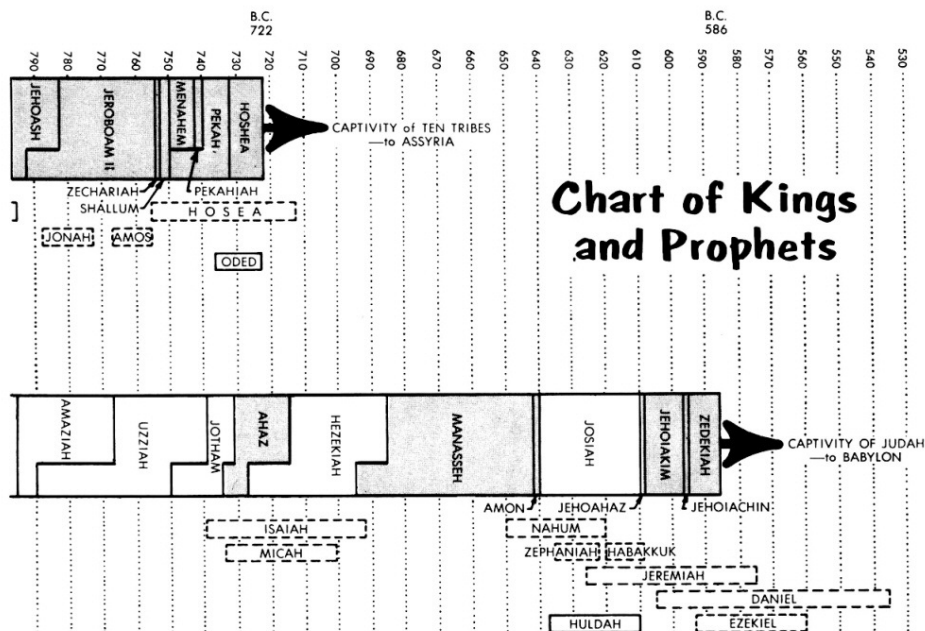
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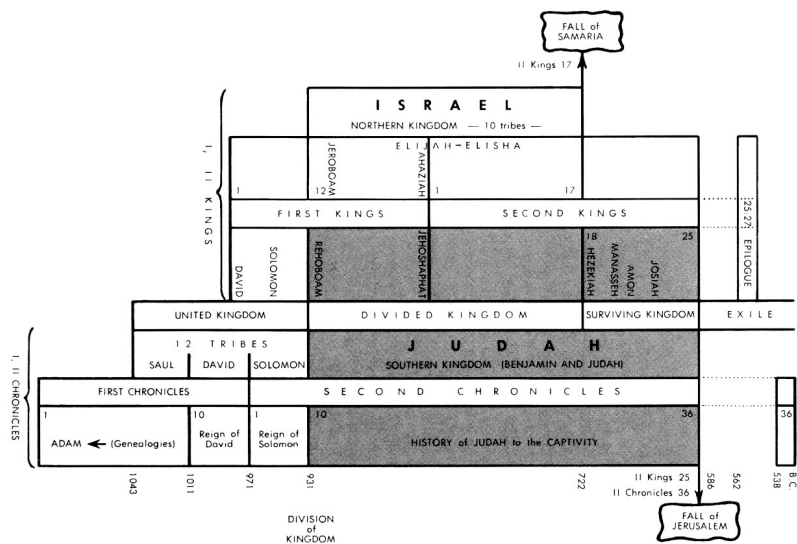
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1. This chart represents the period of Israel's history from the crowning of Saul to the captivity of Judah.
2. Each space between the dotted lines represents ten years.
3. Notice these three divisions of this period of Israel's history:
 - First, the United Kingdom—from 1043 to 931 B.C.
 - Second, the Divided Kingdom—from 931 to 722 B.C.
 - Third, the Surviving Kingdom—from 722 to 586 B.C.
4. The reigns of the kings are identified as evil (shaded) or good (unshaded). Notice that in some instances two kings reigned at the same time within a kingdom.
5. The names in the smaller boxes are those of the contemporary prophets. Those who are authors of biblical books are indicated thus: **NAHUM**.
6. The dates of the kings are those of John C. Whitcomb's chart, **Old Testament Kings and Prophets**.

Chart of Kings and Prophets





Kings of Israel & Judah	
Chronological	Scriptural
United Kingdom	1 Kings 1-10
Saul	1 Kings 1-10
David	1 Kings 11-22
Solomon	1 Kings 23-11
Divided Kingdom	
Israel	1 Kings 12-22
Judah	1 Kings 23-22
Jeroboam	1 Kings 12-14
Shallum	1 Kings 15-16
Zimri	1 Kings 16-17
Tibni	1 Kings 17-18
Omri	1 Kings 18-19
Ahaziah	1 Kings 22-23
Jehoram	1 Kings 23-24
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 24-25
Jehoahaz	1 Kings 25-26
Jehoash	1 Kings 26-27
Jeroboam II	1 Kings 27-28
Shallum	1 Kings 28-29
Zimri	1 Kings 29-30
Tibni	1 Kings 30-31
Omri	1 Kings 31-32
Ahaziah	1 Kings 32-33
Jehoram	1 Kings 33-34
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 34-35
Jehoahaz	1 Kings 35-36
Jehoash	1 Kings 36-37
Jeroboam II	1 Kings 37-38
Shallum	1 Kings 38-39
Zimri	1 Kings 39-40
Tibni	1 Kings 40-41
Omri	1 Kings 41-42
Ahaziah	1 Kings 42-43
Jehoram	1 Kings 43-44
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 44-45
Jehoahaz	1 Kings 45-46
Jehoash	1 Kings 46-47
Jeroboam II	1 Kings 47-48
Shallum	1 Kings 48-49
Zimri	1 Kings 49-50
Tibni	1 Kings 50-51
Omri	1 Kings 51-52
Ahaziah	1 Kings 52-53
Jehoram	1 Kings 53-54
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 54-55
Jehoahaz	1 Kings 55-56
Jehoash	1 Kings 56-57
Jeroboam II	1 Kings 57-58
Shallum	1 Kings 58-59
Zimri	1 Kings 59-60
Tibni	1 Kings 60-61
Omri	1 Kings 61-62
Ahaziah	1 Kings 62-63
Jehoram	1 Kings 63-64
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 64-65
Jehoahaz	1 Kings 65-66
Jehoash	1 Kings 66-67
Jeroboam II	1 Kings 67-68
Shallum	1 Kings 68-69
Zimri	1 Kings 69-70
Tibni	1 Kings 70-71
Omri	1 Kings 71-72
Ahaziah	1 Kings 72-73
Jehoram	1 Kings 73-74
Jehoshaphat	1 Kings 74-75
Jehoahaz	1 Kings 75-76
Jehoash	1 Kings 76-77
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Political and kingly	Religious and priestly
Compiled by authors soon after the events	Compiled by by a priest: Ezra many years after the events
Written shortly after the beginning of the captivity in Babylon	Written shortly after the return from the captivity
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J Sidlow Baxter observes that "beginning with 1Chr 11 (**Ed:** See following table), the whole of the remaining nineteen chapters of 1 Chronicles are occupied with the reign of David. In these chapters there is no repeating the familiar tale of David's romantic adventures, or of his reign at Hebron, or of his grief over Saul and Jonathan, or of his sin against Bathsheba and Uriah, or of the revolt of Absalom (these, not to mention others, are some of the significant major omissions); but, on the other hand, we are given with great fulness the following matters which are not mentioned in Samuel and Kings - David's abundant preparation of material in advance for the temple (1Chr 22), his preparatory numbering and distributing of the Levites and the priests (1Chr 23-24), his appointment and arrangement of singers and players and porters (1Chr 25:1-26) - all in anticipation of the temple (these, not to mention others, are some of the significant major additions). (Ibid)

John MacArthur observes that "Two basic principles enumerated in these two books prevail throughout the OT, namely, obedience brings blessing, disobedience brings judgment. In the Chronicles, when the king obeyed and trusted the Lord, God blessed and protected. But when the king disobeyed and/or put his trust in something or someone other than the Lord, God withdrew His blessing and protection. Three basic failures by the kings of Judah brought God's wrath: 1) personal sin; 2) false worship/idolatry; and/or 3) trust in man rather than God. ([The MacArthur Study Bible](#))

FIRST CHRONICLES SUMMARY CHART	
1 Chronicles 1-9:44	1 Chronicles 10:1-39:30
Royal Line of David	Reign of David
12 Tribes of David's Reign	Highlights of David's Reign
Genealogies	History
Ancestry	Activity
1000's of Years	Circa 33 Years

CHRIST IN 1 CHRONICLES

A M HODGKIN

- [Christ in All the Scriptures - Contents](#)

1Chronicles --

These books cover the same period as 1 & 2 Kings, but they deal exclusively with the Kingdom of Judah [the southern kingdom] and with the House of David. They impress the importance of the worship of God upon the people. [Their interest is centered] around the Temple.

Genealogies. [1Chronicles 1-9]

The first nine chapters of the book are taken up with genealogies. Unpromising as these chapters appear, much may be learned from them. Perhaps the chief lesson is that of God's selection.

Chapter 10 gives an account of Saul's miserable end, and chapter 11 opens with the anointing of David [as] king over Judah in Hebron.

Bringing the Ark to Zion.

One of the first acts of David was to fetch the Ark of the Lord from the house of Abinadab, at Jebesh Gilead, to bring it to Zion [1Chronicles 13]. For twenty years the Ark with its mercy-seat, God's appointed meeting-place with His people, was neglected and almost forgotten-- a true picture of a heart out of communion with God. God ordained that the Ark should always be carried on the shoulders of the Levites, but they seem to have thought they could improve on God's plan, and the result of disobedience was death. God blessed the house of Obed-edom during the three months the Ark remained there, and David was encouraged to bring it to Mount Zion, to the tent he had prepared for it [1Chronicles 15].

David had now learned the lesson of obedience, for he says: "None ought to carry the Ark of God but the Levites, for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the Ark of God and to minister unto Him for ever. And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Lord unto his place." For he desired to impress the whole nation with the importance of the event. The priests and Levites and singers, with their instruments of music, were each appointed to their several places. And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen and "danced before the Lord with all his might" (2Sam 6:14). It is a common sight today, in "the changeless East," in any procession, to see a man dancing with strange attitudes to do honor to the bridegroom, or other hero of the day, and the more grotesque his attitudes the more honor is done. The man dances backwards, and with his dress girded to give free play to his limbs, as the common peasants gird themselves for active work. Thus, no doubt, David danced to do honor to God's Ark. Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked out at a window and saw him dancing and playing, and she despised him in her heart. The enthusiasm of God's people is still a matter of ridicule with the world, but would there were a little more of it in these days when people are more readily enthusiastic about anything else than His service! The Son of David showed such enthusiasm in the cleansing of the Temple that His disciples applied to Him the words, "The zeal of Thine House hath eaten Me up" [John 2:13-17].

Sacrifices were offered as the Ark left the house of Obed-edom; and, again, when it was set in the tent on Mount Zion, they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings [ch. 16]. The bringing of the Ark to Zion was typical of restored communion. In the presence of the Ark, with its blood-stained mercy-seat, the peace offerings could be offered. The peace offering included a meal of which the offerer partook before God. Reconciled and accepted, he was now God's guest and was privileged to eat bread in His presence. The joy which accompanied the bringing back of the Ark, and the feeding of the people with bread and meat and wine, are symbolic of the joy of restored communion and feeding upon Christ. **(Ed: See caveats regarding Typology - Study of Biblical types)**

God's Promise to David. [1Chronicles 17:1-27]

The great desire of David's heart was to build a temple for the Lord. God set this on one side because David had "shed much blood upon the earth," but He promised that a son should be born unto him, who should be "a man of rest," and should build Him a house, and God would establish his throne for ever.

David accepted God's decision without a murmur, and poured forth a song of praise for the condescension of His promise. In the promised Son we see "a Greater than Solomon." "Thou shalt call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:31-33).

The preservation of Israel as a nation is guaranteed till the end of time, "as long as the sun and the moon endure" (Jer 31:35-37). David's throne is secured as permanently, with the added sign, "and as the faithful witness in the sky" the rainbow (Psa 89:3,4,27-37). David's Son shall sit upon David's throne in Jerusalem. Christ Jesus "is the only Person alive now as known to be of David's seed, and as possessing a right to David's throne." [Israel, My Glory, p.82, Rev. John Wilkinson]

Mount Moriah. [Chapter 21]

The next event in the history of the Temple was brought about through David's sin in numbering the people. His sin in this was no doubt twofold.

- - First, pride at the greatness of his kingdom;

- - second, no mention is made of the tribute money having been paid, as commanded by the Law of Moses, at the time of the census. "When thou takest the sum of the Children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, when thou numberest them" (Ex 30:12). The half shekel of silver, given by every man when he was numbered, was the token that the people belonged to the

Lord: it was an acknowledgment of His right to their lives. This was evidently omitted in David's reign, and the plague came upon the people.

The plague was stayed at the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, on Mount Moriah, and David bought the threshing-floor from Ornan for fifty shekels of silver "and built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the Lord; and He answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering" (1Chr 21:26). Thus, the Temple, as well as the Tabernacle, rested upon the foundation of the silver redemption money. Mount Moriah was also the place of Abraham's sacrifice. All these circumstances are more than coincidences; they fall into their place in God's great plan of redemption.

David also bought the makoam (translated "place" [in vs. 22 and 25]) of the threshing-floor from Ornan for six hundred shekels of gold. These makoams were sacred places, the "places" of the Canaanites (Deu 12:2,3), similar to the bamoth or "high places" so frequently mentioned in Scripture. They abound in Palestine today, and are called by the same word in the Arabic, mukam, "place," and are very valuable, often bringing in great gain to their owners through those who come to worship there. This might account for David having to pay such a high price for the makaom as recorded in Chronicles, though he only paid fifty shekels of silver for the threshing-floor [Heb. goren] as recorded in [2Samuel 24:24]. They appear to have been two separate transactions. Ornan the Jebusite was one of the Canaanitish inhabitants of the land. The place was evidently a makoam as long back as the time when Abraham was told to offer Isaac on what was probably the same spot, for the word occurs four times in the brief narrative, applied to the summit of Moriah [Gen 22:3,4,9,14], afterwards to be Jehovah's great makoam, where He would "record His Name" and place His temple. For Jehovah also would have His makoam. "Offer not thy burnt offering in every makoam thou seest: but in the makoam that Jehovah shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings" (Deu 12:13,14).

"In 2Sa 24:24, we read that David bought the oxen and threshing-floor of Araunah [another spelling of 'Ornan'] for fifty shekels of silver. From 1Chron 21:25, we learn that David gave six hundred shekels of gold for the place. It is extraordinary that any honest and intelligent mind could find a difficulty here. Fifty shekels of silver were presumably a fair price, though to us it seems very little, for the oxen and for the temporary use of the threshing-floor, for the purpose of the sacrifice. And this was all that the king had in view at the moment. The English reader must not base anything on the force of the English words 'buy' and 'bought' in 2Sam 24:24. The narrative in Chronicles suggests that it was the Lord's 'answering by fire' that led the king to go on to the purchase of the 'place'. But does any one imagine that the fee simple of 'the place'-- the entire site of the Temple-- was worth only fifty shekels? David went on to purchase the entire homestead out and out; and the price he paid for it was six hundred shekels of gold. And this is what the 'Chronicler' records." [The Bible and Modern Criticism, p. 161, Sir. Robt. Anderson]

David's Preparation. [1 Chronicles 22:1-19 and 1 Chronicles 28:1-21, 1 Chronicles 29:1-30]

"Solomon my son is young and tender," said David, "and the house that is to be builded for the Lord must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries."

"So David prepared abundantly before his death," and the princes and the people brought their offerings. "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy." It is a marvelous thought that it brings joy to the heart of our King when we offer willingly to His service, whether it be ourselves or our dear ones, or our substance that we give. David's thanksgiving shows the right attitude of heart, the recognition that all indeed belongs to God. "Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee" (1Chr 29:14)

THE OLD TESTAMENT REFLECTIONS OF CHRIST PAUL R. VAN GORDER

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The books of Chronicles repeat much of the history recorded in Kings. The events of 1Chronicles parallel those of 2Samuel, but they are seen through the eyes of the priest rather than the prophet. The book concentrates upon the history of Judah, speaking of Israel [ie., the Northern Kingdom] only when it comes in contact with the people and events of the Southern Kingdom.

Chronicles has been called by some "the chosen book of the theocracy." It tells the story of a great king and points forward to an even greater King and kingdom. First Chronicles 17:24 sets the theme, "Let the house of David, Thy servant, be established before Thee."

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK--

The Royal Genealogy (1Chronicles 1-9)

The Parenthesis of Saul's Rule (1Chronicles 10)

The Reign of David (1Chronicles 11-29)

We will discuss three of the key questions that arise when one studies 1Chronicles.

THE REASON FOR THE GENEALOGIES--

We read in 2Timothy 3:16,17 that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good words." The genealogies of 1Chronicles 1-9 fall within the scope of this passage. They are profitable for at least three reasons.

First, they were of great benefit to the Jews who returned from captivity in Babylon. During this time of confusion, the Israelites were in danger of losing their family and tribal identities. The lists helped them maintain their distinctives.

Second, the genealogies impressed the Jews with the unity of God. As they returned from captivity, the Israelites saw in the genealogies that the God who had restored them was the "one true God" of their fathers.

Third, the genealogies were a demonstration of the divine purpose being worked out until Christ's coming. They helped complete the Bible story of our Savior, who was the son of David, the son of Judah, the son of Abraham, and the son of Adam. He took their humanity, "yet without sin."

THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM--

As [the narrative of] 1Chronicles opens [in chapter 11], David has been anointed king over Israel, and he is making preparation to bring the ark back to Jerusalem. The events that preceded this are recorded in 1Samuel 4-6. Why did David want the ark in Jerusalem? Because it symbolized God's presence in the midst of His people. In fact, it was the very place where God dwelt with His own. The most dishonoring thing that could have happened to Israel was for the ark to be captured by heathen enemies.

You may ask, "What does this have to do with our subject? How does it speak of Christ in the Old Testament Scriptures?" Just as the ark of the covenant in the Holy of holies was the dwelling place of God among Israel, so the church is the dwelling place of God with His people in this age. Oh, I'm not speaking of a building, an edifice, but rather the church, which is the body of Christ. Paul wrote,

Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; In whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (Eph 2:19-22)

As you read the first few chapters of Acts, you see a risen, glorified, immortal Savior communing with mortals. For 40 days, He was with them, then He led His disciples out to Bethany and told them,

But ye shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

No instruction like this can be found in all the Old Testament! Pentecost followed Christ's ascension, and the changes were noted immediately. On that day they were all Jews, and they witnessed first to the Jews, with 3,000 being converted. Persecution followed. Peter was sent to the Gentiles. Converted Jews began to fraternize with previously hated Gentiles. These new believers, Jew and Gentile, forsook the temple and met in houses. They discarded the elaborate rituals, replacing them with the simple ordinances. They set aside the sabbath day in favor of Sunday, the Lord's Day. Why? Because the ascended Lord Jesus had sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with them, and they were carrying out His word.

DAVID'S FAILURE--

What has happened to the church in the intervening centuries? David's failure to handle the ark correctly, as recorded in 1Chronicles 13, is a picture of the church's failure today. Consider these points:

David consulted men rather than God's Word (1Chronicles 13:1).

The New Testament commands that we are not to be menpleasers, but "the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart" (Eph 6:6).

David was popular with the people.

"All the congregation said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people" (13:4). Popularity often wrecks both men and churches. The works of the flesh never get a single convert. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ will never impress the world by becoming worldly (Jam 4:4).

David used human methods instead of God's plans.

The Lord had given plain instruction for transporting the ark. The tribe of Levi was set aside for the tabernacle service, and they were to bear the ark by means of staves that fit through rings fastened to its side [Ex 25:10-15; Num 4:15]. There was no place for wheels. Yet David used an ox cart, like [the one] used by the Philistines [1Sam 6:1,2,7,8]. Likewise, the church cannot be driven by artificial means or worldly methods. All sorts of gimmicks are used in the Lord's work today. But God has ordained that men are to be saved through "the foolishness of preaching." "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:17). Substituting human efforts for God's way will always bring disaster.

The tragedy of the affair.

Everything seemed to be going right. There was music and dancing, a new cart, and oxen. The cart got as far as the threshing floor, and then the animals stumbled. Uzza, a man not appointed of God to carry the ark, reached out to steady it. God smote him dead! Poor fellow, he actually thought he was doing a service to God. Evidently, no one had instructed him. He was doing what he was told, and now he was dead. How sad-- yet it's happening today! The church is filled with men and women who think they are doing God a service, while indeed they are "dead in trespasses and sins." It's a travesty upon divine grace and order to get people to serve the Lord when they are either unconverted or carnal Christians working in their own strength.

For three months, the ark was stored in the residence of Obed-edom. The glory of God was hidden in a house! No sign of God's presence could be found in Israel. Everything was dead and cold, just like the Philistines. But the house of Obed-edom was greatly blessed. When the presence of God is experienced in the life of an individual, His rich blessings always abound.

The sequel to this story is found in 1 Chronicles 15, when David finally did things God's way. The priests and the Levites "sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel" (1 Chronicles 15:14). When the ark was safely inside, communion with God was restored.

The secret of an effective, powerful, growing church is to acknowledge the presence of God's Spirit and to obey His leading in every aspect of church life and ministry. God's work must be done God's way.

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COMMENTARIES TO BORROW

[Bible Knowledge Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Dallas Theological Seminary Faculty

James Rosscup - Merrill, Eugene. "I and II Chronicles," in Bible Knowledge Commentary, ed. John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck. Volume I. Wheaton: Victor Books, 1983. Conservative scholar from Dallas Theological Seminary deals with the passages knowledgeably, showing good awareness of relevant literature and handling many of the problems at least with some help.

[Bible Exposition Commentary - Old Testament](#) - Warren Wiersbe - always worth checking

[Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the Old Testament](#) by Warren W Wiersbe - can be very helpful for sermon prep.

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[With the Word](#) - Devotional Commentary - Warren Wiersbe

[The Message of Chronicles : One Church, One Faith, One Lord](#) By: Wilcock, Michael

James Rosscup - An evangelical approach that defends conservative views on a number of the problems, feeling there are no errors. Wilcock sometimes delightfully applies the meaning to life today, and writes with clarity. He assists readers to see why material is used where it is, how it fits a need there, etc. Wilcock is vicar of St. Nicholas Church, Durham, England. For principles and for the movement in Chronicles this is a worthwhile book.

Cyril Barber - While evangelical in tone and content, this work is hermeneutically weak. It succeeds, however, in following David's line and highlights the principle lessons to be learned from the lives of the kings.

[Solomon to the Exile: studies in Kings and Chronicles](#): John Whitcomb

Cyril Barber - An ideal book for discussion groups. Recreates the OT setting, graphically depicts the cause of decline in Israel and Judah, and draws valid lessons from these incidents that are applied to the needs of the present

[I & II Chronicles](#) By: McConville, J. G.

James Rosscup - Generally conservative in outlook, this displays a firm grip on the data, aiming at looking at things in their setting during the kings period and applying principles to life now. He does not sidestep problems, such as a million dead (2 Chr. 14:9ff.). The RSV is printed in space that, for those with Bibles, would be better used for even more comment.

Cyril Barber - Succinct, pointed comments on each facet of these long-neglected books. Readers will find these pages replete with perceptive hints that can be fleshed out with further study.

[1, 2 Chronicles](#): Allen, Leslie C

Cyril Barber - Allen believes that "the heartbeat of Chronicles is a concern for spirituality. In this respect its key word is to 'seek' God." And because the Chronicler was essentially a preacher of practical theology, Allen sees in these biblical books essential teaching for those in the ministry today. While much of this commentary is taken up with Allen's translation of the biblical text (and no one should minimize the labor involved!), his comments or exposition is therefore brief. What is found between these covers, however, is insightful and helpful. This is one of the most important volumes in this series

[The Books of Chronicles](#): W. H. Bennett

Cyril Barber - Commentaries on Chronicles are few and far between. This work meets a need. It is to be regretted, however, that the writer allowed critical presuppositions to enter into his handling of the biblical text. In spite of this weakness, what is presented to the reader is worthy of serious reflection.

[1 Chronicles : an Introduction and Commentary](#) Martin Selman

[2 Chronicles: a Commentary](#) Martin Selman

James Rosscup - The vol. on 1 Chronicles gives the introduction for both vols. His evangelical works deal with sections compactly, being well-informed on words, grammar, and background both biblically and from ancient sources (cf. for example on Sennacherib's death in 32:20–23). He follows a clear outline, and his comments usually get to the point judiciously. Selman is Director of Postgraduate Studies and lecturer in OT at Spurgeon's College, London. One will find considerable assistance here. To return to the introduction, Selman if read carefully covers much on the chronicler's focus, one more of interpreting history while not casting doubt on historical details, and giving features that characterize these two books. Among the latter are prophecies and prayers. He discusses main emphases, e.g. covenant, Israel as the covenant people, the temple as the covenant worship center, and the Covenant as a basis for restoration despite great Israelite unfaithfulness; the covenant guarantees God's restoration some day by repentance and prayer as well as by divine promises (cf. 2 Chr. 7:12–16), in Selman's statement. He does not spell out when and how, or tie it in with other biblical passages, as a unified prophetic program for Israel.

Cyril Barber - Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries. Leicester, UK: InterVarsity Press, 1994. Interprets the books of Chronicles as one man's approach to and interpretation of the teaching of specific OT texts. The exposition is based upon the NIV. The style is clear and direct. Footnotes are judicious and place readers in touch with relevant scholarly literature. While not intended to be an erudite discussion of the contents of these two historical books, Selman's treatment does reveal his extensive reading and vast learning. Moderately conservative.

[1 Chronicles](#) Word Biblical Commentary. - Braun, Roddy

Cyril Barber - An exacting and enlightening study which demonstrates thorough research, and must rank among the finest treatments ever produced on this portion of Scripture.

James Rosscup - As one becomes accustomed to this series, he knows he will find much usable detail on the text, aspects of exegesis, customs, geography, and theological focus. He also comes to realize the contrast, at some points, with conservative convictions about the historicity of matters, and wisely gleans out what is worthwhile.

[2 Chronicles](#) Word Biblical Commentary. - Dillard, Raymond Bryan

Cyril Barber - More conservative than some of the others volumes in this series. Presents the literary structure of this canonical book and ably correlates the teaching of other portions of God's Word with the purpose of the chronicler. The result is a work of distinction. While not necessarily the kind of commentary a pastor will pick up and use, this study does lay a foundation for a new understanding of the dynamics of restoration and renewal. Recommended.

James Rosscup - Cf. Braun for 1 Chronicles. Much the same comment is fitting here. One can feel he has a gold mine on many details of verse meaning and on bibliography, yet be aware of a less than conservative way of handling many things.

[Ellison, H. L. "1 and 2 Chronicles," in New Bible Commentary](#) Revised, ed. D. Guthrie et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970.

James Rosscup - Ellison is limited to pp. 369–94. Like Cundall on Ezra and Nehemiah, he argues unity with Ezra and Nehemiah and a date around 400–340 B. C. (p. 369). He assumes that many problems in numbers arose from textual corruption, poor transmission of the text of Chronicles, and other explanations. Overall his commentary is a fair, concise work that often provides some help of an evangelical nature.

[The Books of Chronicles](#) by James Gracey Murphy

Cyril Barber - An important reprint that treats briefly, yet fairly, these neglected books.

[1 Chronicles : a Commentary](#) By: Klein, Ralph W - Hermeneia Series.

[I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah : introduction and commentary](#) By: Ackroyd, Peter R

James Rosscup - Liberal, using redaction criticism quite a lot. Perceptive and advanced students can sift out much that is of worth on the meaning of verses or pericopes.

Cyril Barber - Fully abreast of the latest scholarship, these brief studies survey the content of the post-exilic

writings and provide occasional helpful insights into problems in the text

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Note: The first 3 resources have no time restriction and allow copy and paste function:

(1) [KJV Bible Commentary](#) - Hindson, Edward E; Kroll, Woodrow Michael. Over 3000 pages of the entire OT/NT. Well done conservative commentary that interprets Scripture from a literal perspective. Pre-millennial. [User reviews](#) - it generally gets 4/5 stars from users.

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The King James Version Bible Commentary is a complete verse-by-verse commentary. It is comprehensive in scope, reliable in scholarship, and easy to use. Its authors are leading evangelical theologians who provide practical truths and biblical principles. Any Bible student will gain new insights through this one-volume commentary based on the timeless King James Version of the Bible.

(2) [The King James Study Bible Second Edition](#) 2240 pages (2013) (Thomas Nelson) General Editor - Edward Hindson with multiple contributing editors. Pre-millennial. See [introduction on How to Use this Study Bible](#)

(3) [NKJV Study Bible: New King James Version Study Bible](#) (formerly "The Nelson Study Bible - NKJV") by Earl D Radmacher; Ronald Barclay Allen; Wayne H House. 2345 pages. (1997, 2007). Very helpful notes. Conservative. Pre-millennial.

[The MacArthur study Bible](#) : new King James version - John MacArthur

[ESV study Bible](#) - Excellent resource but not always literal in eschatology and the nation of Israel

[NIV Study Bible](#) - (2011) 2570 pages - Use this one if available as it has more notes than edition below. This resource has been fully revised in 2020.

[HCSB Study Bible : Holman Christian Standard Bible](#) - General Editor Jeremy Royal Howard (2010) 2360 pages. Conservative. Good notes. Include Holmans excellent maps. One hour limit

[Life Application Study Bible](#) : New Living Translation. Has some very helpful notes

[NLT Study Bible](#) (Illustration Version)

[The Living Insights Study Bible : New International Version](#) - Charles Swindoll. Notes are good but somewhat sparse and not verse by verse.

[The David Jeremiah study bible](#) - (2013) 2208 pages. [Logos.com](#) - "Drawing on more than 40 years of study, Dr. David Jeremiah has compiled a legacy resource that will make an eternal impact on generations to come. 8,000 study notes. Hundreds of enriching word studies"50+ Essentials of the Christian Faith" articles."

[The Experiencing God Study Bible: the Bible for knowing and doing the will of God](#) - Blackaby, Henry (1996) 1968 pages - CHECK THIS ONE! Each chapter begins with several questions under the title "PREPARE TO MEET GOD." Then you will interesting symbols before many of the passages. The chapter ends with a "DID YOU NOTICE?" question. This might make a "dry chapter" jump off the page!

[NIV archaeological Study Bible](#) (2005) 2360 pages

[The Ryrie study Bible](#) - Charles Ryrie (1978) 2142 pages. Conservative.

[The Defender's Study Bible : King James Version](#) by Morris, Henry M.

[Wycliffe Bible Commentary](#) - Charles Pfeiffer - 1560 pages (1962). Less detailed than the KJV Bible Commentary. Conservative. Notes are generally verse by verse but brief.

Rosscup - Conservative and premillennial scholars here have been experts in their fields. The work contains brief introductions and attempts to give a verse-by-verse exposition, though it does skip over some verses. The treatments vary with the authors, but as a whole it is a fine one-volume commentary for pastors and students to use or give to a layman. Outstanding sections include, for example: Whitcomb on Ezra-Nehemiah-Esther; Culver on Daniel; Ladd on Acts; Harrison on Galatians; Johnson on I Corinthians; and Ryrie on the Johannine Epistles.

[Believer's Bible Commentary](#) - OT and NT - MacDonald, William (1995) 2480 pages. Conservative. Literal. Often has very insightful comments. John MacArthur, says "Concise yet comprehensive - the most complete single-volume commentary I have seen." Warren Wiersbe adds "For the student who is serious about seeing Christ in the Word." One hour limit.

James Rosscup - This work, originally issued in 1983, is conservative and premillennial, written to help teachers, preachers and people in every walk of life with different views, explanation and application.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOURCES

[IVP Background Commentary - OT - John Walton](#)

[Zondervan Atlas of The Bible](#) By: Umair Mirza

[Dictionary of Biblical Imagery](#) - free for use online with no restrictions (i.e., you do not need to borrow this book). Editors Leland Ryken, J C Wilhoit, Tremper Longman III - This is a potential treasure chest to aid your preaching and teaching as it analyzes the meaning of a host of Biblical figures of speech. **Clue** - use the "One-page view" which then allows you to copy and paste text. One downside is there is no index, so you need to search 3291 pages for entries which are alphabetical.

[Dictionary of deities and demons in the Bible \(DDD\)](#) - 950 pages (1995) Read some of the [65 ratings](#) (4.8/5 Stars). A definitive in depth resource on this subject. Very expensive to purchase.

[Unger's bible handbook : a best-selling guide to understanding the bible](#) by Unger, Merrill F

[Halley's Bible Handbook](#) Henry H. Halley - (2000) 2720 pages (much larger than original edition in 1965 and no time limit on use). ([Halley's Bible handbook : an abbreviated Bible commentary - one hour limit](#) 1965 872 pages)

Rosscup - A much-used older evangelical handbook bringing together a brief commentary on Bible books, some key archaeological findings, historical background, maps, quotes, etc. It is helpful to a lay Bible teacher, Sunday School leader, or pastor looking for quick, pertinent information on a Bible book. This is the 72nd printing somewhat revised. Halley packed in much information. Unger's is better overall, but that is not to say that Halley's will not provide much help on basic information.

[The Shaw Pocket Bible Handbook](#) - Editor - Walter Elwell (1984) 408 pages.

"This hardback is small in size but packed full of content: Brief summaries of every book of the bible, cultural, archaeological and historical info, word definitions, pictures, maps and charts." Worth checking!

[Eerdmans' Handbook to the Bible](#) (1983) 688 pages

[The New Unger's Bible Dictionary](#) by Unger, Merrill Frederick, 1909-

[Every prophecy of the Bible](#): Walvoord, John F

APOLOGETICS

[The Apologetics Study Bible Understand Why You Believe](#) - Comments from over 90 leading apologists, including: Ted Cabal, Lee Strobel, Chuck Colson, Norm Geisler, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, J.P. Moreland, [see reviews](#). Here is a review from [The Christian Reviewer](#).

[Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics](#) by Geisler, Norman

Cyril Barber - This is a goldmine of valuable information! Well-indexed. Covers everything from "Absolute Truth" to "Zen Buddhism." Extensive articles on such topics as "Agnosticism," "Annihilationism," "Bible, Alleged Errors in," "Gnosticism," "Miracles in the Bible," "New Testament Manuscripts," and "Objections to Resurrection," "Big Bang Theory," "Edward John Carnell," "Christ, Death of," are only a few of the insightful essays in this masterful work. Each article has been written in an understandable way, and a 28 page bibliography forms a valuable source for further research. An excellent resource.

[Evidence That Demands A Verdict](#) - Josh McDowell

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[More Than A Carpenter](#) - A modern classic by Josh McDowell - Great resource for those who are skeptical that Jesus is fully God, fully Man.

[Encyclopedia of Bible difficulties](#) by Archer, Gleason L - or [here with no restrictions](#)

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[Today's Handbook of Bible Times & Customs](#) by Coleman, William L

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[Handbook of life in Bible times](#) By: Thompson, J. A. (John Arthur), 1913-2002 Published 1986

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HEBREW WORD STUDY RESOURCES

[Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament](#) by Harris, R. Laird - (5/5 Stars) One of the best OT lexicons for studying Hebrew words.

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[Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words](#) - Online pdf

[Hebrew Honey: a simple and deep word study of the Old Testament](#) - 330 pages. The definitions have more of a devotional flavor. For example, see the descriptive definition for ["Abide" \(Hebrew - gur\)](#).

[Expository Dictionary of Bible Words](#) by Richards, Larry, It does not go into great depth on the Greek or Hebrew words but does have some excellent insights.

[So That's What it Means \(Theological Wordbook\)](#) - Formerly titled "**Theological Wordbook**" **edited by Charles Swindoll**. It is now under this new title [So That's What it Means](#) and can be borrowed - it is more like a dictionary than a lexicon but the comments are superb! The contributors include Donald Campbell, Wendell Johnston, John Witmer, John Walvoord

[Nelson's Expository Dictionary of the Old Testament](#) by Unger, Merrill. Indexed by English word and then any related Hebrew nouns or verbs. Definitions are solid and geared to the lay person.

[Synonyms of the Old Testament-Robert Girdlestone](#)

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[The Books of Chronicles by James G. Murphy](#) Publication Date: 1880 Pages: 164

Expositionally examining the books of Chronicles as a prelude to the New Testament, James G. Murphy provides comprehensive studies on the scope of the text and its relationship to the Pentateuch under the law. Murphy offers thorough analysis of the literary composition and distinguishing characteristics of the text—while relying on extra-biblical sources for clarification on events.

Far beyond anything indicated by the small price of this work is its exceeding value for thoroughness of verbal exposition, exegetical criticism, and homiletic suggestiveness.—Baptist magazine

. . . it contains a vast amount of information, which ministers, Sunday-school teachers, and Bible classes may turn to good account.—Christian World

James G. Murphy was professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Assembly's College and the author of numerous books, including The Elements of Hebrew Grammar, The Human Mind, A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Genesis, A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Exodus, with a New Translation, and A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on the Book of Leviticus.

[The Books of Chronicles in Relation to the Pentateuch and the “Higher Criticism”](#) by A. C. Hervey Publication Date: 1892
Pages: 184

Originally delivered as a series of five lectures before the Society for Promoting Higher Education, A. C. Hervey provides concise commentary covering authenticity, scope, and application of the text. Hervey seeks to relay the inherent connection between Chronicles and the Pentateuch with regard for the law and redemption. The author emphasizes the reoccurring themes of apostasy and reconciliation throughout the text.

A. C. Hervey (1808–1894) was educated at Eton College and Trinity College, Cambridge before being ordained. Hervey went on to become bishop of Bath and Wells during his life of clerical work.

[The Chronicles by Richard G. Moulton](#) Publication Date: 1901 Pages: 300

Covering in detail the genealogy and history covered in the books of Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah, Richard G. Moulton's exposition emphasizes on the restoration of Israel. Moulton expresses the importance of the Chronicles in understanding Israel's historical relationship with Yahweh under the law.

In view of the significance and possible results of Professor Moulton's undertaking, it is not too much to pronounce it one of the most important spiritual and literary events of the times.—The Outlook

Unquestionable here is a task worth carrying out: and it is to be said at once that Dr. Moulton has carried it out with great skill and helpfulness. Both the introduction and the notes are distinct contributions to the better understanding and higher appreciation of the literary character, features, and beauties of the Biblical books treated. —The Presbyterians and Reformed Review

Richard G. Moulton (1849–1924) was professor of English literature at the University of Chicago. Moulton was born in England and educated as a lawyer before immigrating to America.

[An Apparatus Criticus to Chronicles in the Peshitta Version](#) with a Discussion of the Value of the Codex Ambrosianus by W. E. Barnes Publication Date: 1897 Pages: 104

Concisely examining the Peshitta (Syriac Vulgate) with regard for semantic variation and omission, W. E. Barnes provides verse-by-verse elucidation of the text. Barnes seeks to convey the inherent purpose of the text—while noting several instances of textual substitution and mistranslation. The author draws upon the Jacobite MS, Florentine MS, Peshitta, Septuagint, and Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia for semantic comparison.

W. E. Barnes (1859–1939) was fellow and chaplain of Peterhouse, Hulsean Professor of divinity, and examining chaplain to the bishop of London. His other works include The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges: The Two Books of the Kings.

[The Books of the Chronicles](#) by R. Kittel Publication Date: 1895 Pages: 90

Examining the composition of the English translation based on the reconstruction of the original Hebrew, R. Kittel provides critical examination of the text with regard for semantic interpretation and historical context. Kittel draws upon the Masoretic Text, LXX, Targum manuscripts, Peshita, and Latin Vulgate in order to draw conclusions on semantic variation and omission. He incorporates views from the early Church Fathers in order to provide further clarification on key topics.

. . . it is not only valuable, but indispensable.—The London Quarterly Review

R. Kittel (1853–1929) was educated at Tübingen University before becoming professor of Old Testament at the University of Leipzig.

[The First and Second Books of Chronicles](#) by A. Hughes-Games Publication Date: 1902 Pages: 240

Viewing the books of 1 and 2 Chronicles as an aggregate of compiled history, A. Hughes-Games offers in-depth exposition of the text from historical context—while looking at the original compilation of the books in the Septuagint. Following an extensive introduction to the text covering literary composition, canonical positioning, semantic variations, and questions of authenticity, A. Hughes-Games moves verse-by-verse while offering clarification of critical points.

A. Hughes-Games was venerable archdeacon of Holy Trinity Church, Hull.

[The Chronicle of Man, or, The Genealogies in the Book of Chronicles Viewed as Foreshadowing the Purpose of the Ages](#)by

F. M. Fearnley Publication Date: 1875 Pages: 288

F. M. Fearnley's *The Chronicle of Man, or The Genealogies in the Book of Chronicles Viewed as Foreshadowing the Purpose of the Ages* provides exegesis on the genealogies found in 1 Chronicles within historical context. Fearnley critically examines the lineage as a key part of understanding biblical history.

F. M. Fearnley is also the author of *The Bread of God*, *This Life and the Life to Come*, and *Elijah and Elisha*.

[The Parallel Histories of Judah and Israel, vol. 1 & 2](#) Author: **Maximilian Geneste** Publication Date: 1843 (654 pages)

Volume 1 - Examining the intimated relationship and history between Israel and Judah, Maximilian Geneste provides extensive commentary on the composition and arrangement of the text, historical context, and elucidation of reiterated motifs. Offering direct interpretation through semantics, Geneste seeks to convey the spiritual state of Israel and Judah during this period of time. Volume one covers the text from the reign of Rehoboam until the fall of Jerusalem.

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Maximilian Geneste was the minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Isle of Wight. Geneste is the author of several titles including *A Glance into the Kingdom of Grace and Christ in the Wilderness*. Geneste died on July 27, 1860. ([All notes from Logos.com](#))

[Notes on the Hebrew Text of the Books of Kings](#) by **C. F. Burney** Publication Date: 1903 (444 pages)

Focusing on providing exegetical commentary on the books of Kings, C. F. Burney's *Notes on the Hebrew Text of the Books of Kings* offers textual criticism, hermeneutic and presuppositional interpretation, and semantic analysis of the text. Looking at the Old Testament parallels throughout the text, Burney delineates the importance of idiomatic and colloquial use of language throughout the books.

C. F. Burney (1868–1925) was educated at Merchant Taylors' School and at St. John's College, Oxford. Burney went on to become Oriel Professor of the Interpretation of Holy Scripture at Oxford. He was also Canon of Rochester and Fellow of St. John Baptist's College in Oxford. He was the author of several titles including *Outlines of Old Testament Theology*, *Israel's Settlement in Canaan*, *The Aramaic Origin of the Fourth Gospel*, and *The Poetry of Our Lord*.

[Expository Readings on the Books of Kings](#) by **John Cumming** Publication Date: 1859

Fully illustrating the books of Kings, John Cumming's *Expository Readings on the Books of Kings* offers easy to understand commentary within an exegetical framework. Cumming provides textual criticism, hermeneutics, and exposition of the text, while focusing on practical application of key themes.

Comment - Interesting - seems to have a devotional quality.

John Cumming (1807–1881) was an influential and renowned preacher of the National Scottish Church in Covent Garden. He published approximately 180 books in his lifetime. In 1832, Cumming was appointed to the Crown Court Church in Covent Garden, London, a Church of Scotland congregation that catered for Scots living in London. At the time, the congregation had approximately 80 members, but Cumming was able to grow his congregation to around 900, and he regularly preached to congregations of 500-600 on Sundays. Some of his views on eschatology are questionable at best.

[The Mystery of the Kingdom: Traced Through the Four Books of Kings](#)by Andrew J. Jukes Publication Date: 1884

Originally delivered as a series of lectures on the books of Samuel and Kings, Andrew J. Jukes offers valuable exegesis, while focusing on the difficult transition from theocracy to monarchy. Jukes distinguishes between use of literal and figurative language within the text, and seeks to elucidate the inherent meaning within the passages.

The book is remarkable as an effort to substantiate the fact of a developmental process in prophecy and revelation, the principle laid down being that God invariably adapts Himself to the condition of those whom He addresses; and the point is aptly and ingeniously illustrated in many ways . . . we have found it to be effective and interesting.—The British Quarterly Review

This classic on 1 Kings is organized as follows:

Introduction. On the Existence and Principle of a Mystic Sense.

I. The General Character of the Books of Kings

II. The Steps Which Led to a King

III. The Steps Which Led to a King (continued)

IV. The Respective Characters of the First Two Kings

V. The Causes of God's Rejection of the First King

VI. The Relative Position of the First Two Kings, From the Rejection Until the Death of Saul

VII. Various Estimates of David, During the Reign of Saul

[Andrew J. Jukes](#) (1815–1901) was a prolific author and clergyman educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He was an English minister and theologian, who left the Anglican church to join the [Plymouth Brethren](#), and finally to found an independent chapel in Hull. His other major works include *The Law of the Offerings*, *The Restitution of All Things*, *Four Views of Christ*, and *The Differences of the Four Gospels*. Among those influenced by Jukes was [Hudson Taylor](#)

[The Kings by Richard G. Moulton](#) Publication Date: 1896 (308 pages)

The Kings contains succinct explanation and clarification on textual arrangement, parallel motifs and figurative language, chronological sequence, and the scope of the text. Intended as an aid for historical interpretation, Richard G. Moulton's commentary provides useful clarity for clergy and laymen alike.

The volume contains a valuable introduction to the book as a piece of literature, and notes are added when necessary. Professor Moulton brings to this work unusual gifts and experience as scholar, teacher, and writer; genuine literary feeling which has been cultivated by close study. Here is not only a "well of English undefiled," but books written in such strong and simple language that a child can understand them. A copy of this edition should be in every family, and we are persuaded it would not remain unread.—The Protestant Episcopal Review

[Richard G. Moulton](#) (1849–1924) was Professor of English Literature at the University of Chicago. Moulton was born in England and educated at Cambridge as a lawyer before immigrating to America—later receiving a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of over 30 titles including *Shakespeare as a Dramatic Artist*, *The Literary Study of the Bible*, *World Literature and Its Place in General Culture*, and *The Ancient Classical Drama*.

[Notes on 1 Kings: James Davies](#) Publication Date: 1872

Stating that the books of First and Second Kings were originally compiled together and should be viewed as a single narrative, James Davies' *Notes on 1 Kings* provides explication of the purpose, composition, authorship, and the reiteration of theocratic themes throughout the text. Davies utilizes the Septuagint, Latin Vulgate, and *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* for clarification on textual arrangement, semantic variation, and historical context.

James Davies is also author of *St. Matthew's Gospel*, *Acts of the Apostles*, *Book of Common Prayer*, and *History and Literature of the Tudor and Stuart Periods*. Davies was educated at the University of London.

[Notes on 2 Kings James Davies](#) Publication Date: 1873 Pages: 209 Pages: 161

Stating that the books of First and Second Kings were originally compiled together and should be viewed as a single narrative, James Davies' *Notes on 2 Kings* provides explication of the purpose, composition, authorship, and the reiteration of theocratic themes throughout the text. Davies utilizes the Septuagint, Latin Vulgate, and *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* for clarification on textual arrangement, semantic variation, and historical context.

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The First and Second Books of Kings: James Robertson Publication Date: 1902 Pages: 273

Looking at purpose, authorship, date of composition, and chronology of the text, James Robertson offers practical explication of the text, while giving special regard to the didactic themes. Robertson provides extensive notes for clarification of key parts of the text, as well as further reading.

Dr. Robertson is the editor of the volume which contains The First and Second Books of Kings, and his name is a guarantee for thorough and judicious work. We have not been a better introduction . . . [its] framework is clearly brought out.—The London Quarterly Review

James Robertson (1839–1902) was educated at the parish school of Drull, the University of Toronto, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary. Robertson went on to become the minister of Knox Church in Winnipeg and a missionary in New York. He played a large part in founding the University of Manitoba, as well as hundreds of churches. The Toronto Globe noted at the time of Robertson's death: "No man living knows more about the Canadian Northwest, its resources, its development, its social, moral and religious conditions and necessities."

The Books of the Kings of Judah and Israel: A Harmony of the Books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles by William Day Crockett Publication Date: 1897 Pages: 364

Chronologically moving through the Books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, William Day Crockett provides thorough exegesis that is systematically divided between the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon. Discoursing on Israel's want for a monarchy, Crockett inculcates the reoccurring sin and redemption cycles that Israel initiates—regardless of admonition and warning.

His work is in line with the revival of interest in the Bible as literature. There is an analytical outline, and a full appendix and index. Mr. Crockett has shown skill and judgment that will commend his work to the great mass of students.—Public Opinion

Mr. Crockett's work is an honest, laborious and successful piece of this study of the Old Testament as it is, that is to be so highly commended both a piece of work and as an aid to others in the study of the central section of the history of the Old Testament as it lies in the documents. It ought to have a 'wide acceptance and usefulness.'—The Presbyterian and Reformed Review

William Day Crockett (1869–1930) was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Canton, Pennsylvania. Crockett is the author of several titles including A Harmony of the books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles and A Satchel Guide to Europe

Saul, the First King of Israel: A Scripture Study - Joseph Augustus Miller Publication Date: 1853 Pages: 318

Eminently thoughtful, useful, practical sermons. We do not see how Saul's life-failure could be more profitably set forth.' – Spurgeon

Covering in detail the text of First and Second Samuel, Joseph August Miller explicates the text with the purpose of practical application of critical themes—exempli gratia: exemplification of faith, humility, repentance, and obedience. Drawing attention to the intent of the heart rather than the profession of religion and mores, Miller offers insightful and exegetical commentary on the moral state of Israel in the time of Saul.

This is the most interesting and instructive volume. The character and the history of Saul form a striking and affecting study; although, as our author remarks, 'in comparison with the other scripture memoirs, but little has been written on this piece of biography.' With great minuteness, and force, and beauty, he brings out the chief points in the career of the first monarch of Israel; and at the same time makes the narrative of outward events serve as a key to unlock the chambers of his inner being. —The Eclectic Review

Joseph Augustus Miller was educated at Highbury College before being ordained minister of Queen-Street Chapel in Sheffield.

Samuel the Prophet - F. B. Meyer Pages: 280

In Samuel the Prophet, F. B. Meyer discusses the critical themes embedded in the text of First Samuel—in

context of Israel's transition to a central government. Meyer's commentary conveys the ramifications of Israel's partiality to obedience of the Lord, and explicitly views this as a period of dispensation for Israel.

He left a big witness as a Christian, husband and expositor on the spiritual life. Here he is clear, simple, to the point, and practical in application. The book is especially suited for pastors, Sunday School teachers and laypersons. Sometimes he overdoes things, as in seeing Hittites and confederates as depicting "The evil habits of the old past" (p. 12). Yet in many cases he is apt, as using Gideon to show the need to look to God for adequacy. He sees Saul as unsaved, having the Spirit on him but not in him (103).- Rosscup

F. B. Meyer (1847—1929) was educated at Brighton College, University of London, and Regent's Park College. Meyer was well known for his friendship with Dwight L. Moody, as well as authoring over forty titles.

[David: Shepherd, Psalmist, King](#) - F. B. Meyer Pages: 200

[Life and Reign of David](#) by W G Blaikie, 1880 (Only 32 pages)

Cyril J. Barber - One of the finest devotional commentaries ever produced. (This comment is related to Blaikie's Expositor's Bible Commentary entry of 1 Samuel)

Spurgeon - 'Dr. Blaikie is a good writer. This Life of David has supplied a great lack.' – Spurgeon

[Samuel and Saul: Their Lives and Times](#) - William Deane Publication Date: 1889 230 pp.

"A pleasing exposition of the Biblical text." – Cyril J. Barber

Examining the roles of Samuel and Saul in Israel, William J. Deane offers comprehensive exposition of the text with regard for key themes and events. Moving chapter-by-chapter the author provides historical context of key events, analysis of Israel's propensity to fall away from the law, and the transition into monarchical rule.

The whole style of treatment is careful and suggestive. The writer avails himself of the labors of English and Continental commentators, so that the reader of this book will have the fullest lights that modern research has thrown on the subject. Such a book will be a distinct acquisition . . .—The London Quarterly and Holborn Review

William J. Deane was Rector of Ashan, Essex.

[David: his Life and Times](#) William J. Deane 240 pp.

"A rewarding devotional work." – Cyril J. Barber

[Promise and Deliverance, Volume 2 The failure of Israel's Theocracy](#) by S G De Graaf - 1905

Scroll to Page 67-399 for The History of Israel under a Theocracy - goes from Saul to the Captivity to Babylon (1 Samuel - 2 Chronicles)

It can be difficult to find a quality narrative Bible curriculum for teens and adults. The four volume Promise and Deliverance series by S.G. De Graaf, first published years ago, is still among the best. Many years ago Christianity Today called it "A landmark in interpreting the simple stories of the Bible" and that assessment is as valid as ever.

For years the author, Reverend De Graaf, led a weekly class for those who taught Bible to children, both at Sunday schools and at day schools. This book is the fruit of repeatedly answering the question, "How do we tell this Bible story?" and is helpful for teachers of little ones, for teens to study on their own, and also for anyone else who wishes to study the Bible.

So what is so special about the Promise and Deliverance series? It focuses on the meaning of each story and on how to understand and share it. In the introduction to the first volume, the author reminds us that the purpose of telling a story is to make it come alive for the hearer, but also warns us about letting the main point get lost in details. Since God wrote the Bible in order that we might believe, not merely to entertain us, this should never be forgotten.

In each story God reveals himself in a particular way, and the important thing is to try to understand what God intends to reveal to us in that specific story. And, no, it is usually not a moral lesson. Instead, it is usually

something about who God is and about how he makes and keeps his covenant with us. He is the main character, says De Graaf, and we must not make the mistake of focusing on human actions instead of on God.

These concepts are fundamental to each of the more than 200 Bible narratives. Each narrative, based on a specific Bible passage, is prefaced with a short section that outlines the main goals of the story. The main thought is summarized in a single sentence, and the actual story follows. Each narrative not only describes the Bible events but also interprets them, applying them to our lives today. Thus Promise and Deliverance can also serve as a devotional. (Description by Annie Kate at The Curriculum Choice)

All 4 Volumes of De Graaf's in Promise and Deliverance:

1. [Promise and Deliverance I: From Creation To The Conquest Of Canaan](#)
2. [Promise and Deliverance II: The failure of Israel's Theocracy](#)
3. [Promise and Deliverance III: Christ's Ministry and Death](#)
4. [Promise and Deliverance IV \(Christ and the Church\)](#)

[Lights and Shadows in the Life of King David](#) by Charles Vince 1871 250 pp.

Spurgeon - Baptist minister of Birmingham [England] 'Sermons of the highest order upon a few incidents in David's life. They are models of chaste, subdued, but powerful preaching.'

[A Critical History of the Life of David](#) by Samuel Chandler, 1853

Spurgeon - This is a masterpiece as a critical history, and the best of Chandler's productions. Many of the Psalms are explained with commendable learning, but the spiritual element is absent.

[The Life and Reign of David](#) by George Smith, 1867

Spurgeon - David's life is here concisely written, with such of the Psalms interwoven as can be referred to special periods. It cannot be read without ministering instruction.

[Hannah the Matron](#) and **[David the Afflicted Man](#)** in Studies of Character from the Old Testament by Thomas Guthrie, 1872 Free Church of Scotland

King Saul the man after the flesh - Samuel Ridout - [also available as free download](#) in [Esword an excellent free Bible program](#) ([history of Esword](#))

First published in 1900, this practical work is still a blessing to many.

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[The First Book of Samuel W. O. E. Oesterley](#) Publication Date: 1913 Pages: 192

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W. O. E. Oesterley (1866–1950) was educated at Brighton College, Jesus College, and West Theological College. Oesterley went on to become Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Studies at King's College, London. He is the author of many titles including: The Wisdom of Jesus the Son of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus, The Epistle to Philemon, and The Doctrine of the Last Things: Jewish and Christian.

[Saul: the First King of Israel](#) by Thomas Kirk 1896

"Postmortem of a dead king. Devotional and perceptive." – Cyril J. Barber

[Samuel the Prophet, and the Lessons of His Life and Times](#) by Robert Steel, 1860

In this study of the character of Samuel, Robert Steel examines how the narratives and characters of the Old Testament, as opposed to the New, present an opportunity to learn from the lives of "men like ourselves," with "peculiar temptations as well as privileges, and revealed infirmities and well as virtues." Steel works through the books of Samuel in 24 lessons, from his intriguing calling and the labor of his old age. Drawing out lessons for every-day Christian living, Steel examines the life of Solomon, which touches on "all classes and conditions," as "one of the brightest examples of holy living and useful labor."

[Samuel, Saul and David](#) and **[Samuel the Ruler](#)** in Daily Bible Illustrations by John Kitto

Spurgeon - 'Should always be consulted' 'They are not exactly a commentary, but what marvelous expositions you have there! You have reading more interesting than any novel that was ever written, and as instructive as the heaviest theology. The matter is quite attractive and fascinating, and yet so weighty, that the man who shall study those eight volumes thoroughly, will not fail to read his Bible intelligently and with growing interest.'

[David, King of Israel His Life and Lessons](#) - William Taylor

"Devotional expositions manifesting a depth seldom attained by preachers today." – Cyril J. Barber

'A grand work which should be in every library.'

The gentle but compelling style adopted by the author takes each event in David's life, together with the psalms thought to be written at the time, and makes applications helpful to all Christians. Delightful to read devotionally but will also furnish the preacher with much to help in sermon preparation. Taylor is unafraid to make gospel applications when appropriate and this aspect will be appreciated too.

A biography told through a Christian lens. Taylor moves through the chronology of David's life, conveying the events and also giving an objective Christian commentary.

William Taylor (1829-1895), originally from Scotland, was pastor of Broadway Tabernacle, New York for twenty years. This work on the life of David began life as evening messages delivered to his congregation.

[Samuel and his Age: a Study in the Constitutional History of Israel](#) - George Douglas 1901 330 pp.

Douglas (1826-1904) was a Hebraist in the Free Church of Scotland, having studied under Thomas Chalmers and came to be a Principle of the Free Church College. "He was a scholarly conservative, skeptical of higher

[The Books of the Kings of Judah and Israel: A Harmony of the Books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles](#) by William Day
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Chronologically moving through the Books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, William Day Crockett provides thorough exegesis that is systematically divided between the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon. Discouraging on Israel's want for a monarchy, Crockett inculcates the reoccurring sin and redemption cycles that Israel initiates—regardless of admonition and warning.

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William Day Crockett (1869–1930) was Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Canton, Pennsylvania. Crockett is the author of several titles including A Harmony of the books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles and A Satchel Guide to Europe

[Israel's Golden Age: The Story of the United Kingdom](#) - John D Fleming - 1907

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Loring W. Batten (1859—1946) was Professor of the Literature and Interpretation of the Old Testament, General Theological Seminary in New York and a former chairman of the Society for Biblical Scholarship (1928).

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Lewis Hughes was Professor at Corpus Christi College in Cambridge.

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Herbert Lockwood Willett (1864—1944) was educated at Bethany College, Yale University, University of Berlin, and the University of Chicago. Willett went on to become Professor of Semitic Languages and Literature at the University of Chicago and Minister of Memorial Church of Christ, Chicago.

[Analysis of the Second Book of Samuel by T. Boston Johnstone](#) Publication Date: 1885 Pages: 220

Focused on connecting the narrative portions of Second Samuel together—chronologically and historically—T. Boston Johnstone provides exposition of the text. Johnstone also includes relevant map sets and examination questions for further clarification and study.

T. Boston Johnstone was Professor at St. Andrews in Scotland. He is also the author of a number of commentaries on Old Testament books.

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Invaluable to students . . . —Educational Guide

The style is clear, and the explanations full and judicious.—Schoolmaster

R. O. Thomas is the author of many titles including A Synopsis of [J.] Butler's Analogy of Religion, An Outline of Paley's Evidences of Christianity, England under the Normans, and England Under the Tudors.

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How do I apply this? Read David's magnificent prayer in 1 Chronicles 29. Consider your own spiritual heritage. Would you like to model such godly strength and character as his to your own children? What steps do you need to take in order to echo truthfully David's attitude in verse 11, "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours" (NIV)? Knowing that He tests the heart and is pleased with integrity (1 Chronicles 29:17), ask the Spirit to fill you daily and guide your steps that future generations might be blessed.

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