




# I CHRONICLES

## BASIC INFO

-  **Author:** Ezra
-  **Date written:** 450–425 BC
-  **Settings :** Israel, Judah, Jerusalem

## MAIN CHARACTERS



ADAM



ABRAHAM



JACOB



SOLOMON



DAVID

## KEY THEMES

- God's Covenant with David** – God promises David an eternal kingdom, fulfilled in Christ, who reigns forever.
- The Centrality of Liturgical Worship** – David's preparations emphasize the priesthood, sacred order, and public worship as vital to God's covenant.
- Spiritual Heritage & Identity** – Israel is reminded of its divine calling and covenant legacy.
- Obedience & Communion with God** – True faithfulness preserves spiritual integrity and invites God's blessing upon the people.
- Hope for Restoration** – A call for the returning exiles to trust in God's promises and renew worship through the proper temple order.

## SUMMARY

First Chronicles begins with a huge family list that marches from Adam to Abraham, then to the twelve tribes, and finally to King David. These names show that God has guided every branch of Israel like a gardener caring for one long tree. After the lists the writer zooms in on David's reign. He secures Jerusalem, nicknamed Zion, and brings the sacred Ark into the city with drums, cymbals, and dancing. He assigns priests, singers, and gatekeepers so praise will happen day and night. When David dreams of building a permanent house for God, the prophet Nathan says that job will belong to Solomon, yet God rewards David with a promise that his family line will last forever—a pledge ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, whose Kingdom has no end. David does not stop. Instead he draws detailed blueprints, gathers tons of gold, silver, bronze, and cedar, and donates his own treasure first to inspire the nation. He divides the Levites into teams, ranks army officers, and appoints judges so the kingdom will stay orderly. Near the end he calls a huge public offering, crowns Solomon, and prays that everyone will keep a willing heart. David then dies in peace, and the story ends with Israel ready to build a bright future shaped around joyful worship. Its main lesson: worship comes first; true strength flows from God's grace received through faithful worship and obedience.

## KEY VERSES



**1 Chronicles 16:11** – “Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually” – A call to depend on God.

**1 Chronicles 17:14** – “But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.” – God's promise of an eternal king.



**1 Chronicles 22:19** – “Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the Lord.” – Encouragement for wholehearted worship.



**1 Chronicles 28:20** – “And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord” – David's charge to Solomon.



**1 Chronicles 29:11** – “Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord.....” – A powerful declaration of God's sovereignty

## JESUS IN THIS BOOK

The book emphasizes the Davidic covenant, which directly points to our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God and Son of David. He fulfills the promise of an everlasting kingdom through His Incarnation, reign, and the establishment of His Church, which is His Body and Kingdom on earth. The Temple preparations and focus on worship foreshadow our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His Incarnation became the true Temple; God in our midst, and who, through the Holy Spirit, established His Church as His living Body and dwelling place. In this way, Christ fulfills the Temple's purpose, drawing all people into union with God

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1 Chronicles reminds us of the importance of worship, faithfulness, and reverence for God's order. It teaches that our spiritual heritage matters and that we are called to honor God not just privately, but in the life of the Church. Just as David prepared for the temple, we must prepare our hearts through repentance, prayer, and unity with the Church for a life centered on God's presence. Worship is not merely symbolic; it is a living reality where we encounter God. Like David, we are called to take part in building up God's dwelling among His people

## HISTORY

## OLD TESTAMENT


**1** | GENEALOGIES | 1 CHRONICLES 1-9

**2** | DAVID'S RISE | 1 CHRONICLES 10-12

**3** | DAVID'S KINGDOM | 1 CHRONICLES 13-17

**4** | TEMPLE PREPARATIONS | 1 CHRONICLES 18-22

**5** | DAVID'S FINAL WORDS | 1 CHRONICLES 23-28

**6** | DAVID'S DEATH | 1 CHRONICLES 29

**1 | Genealogies (1 Chronicles 1-9)**

The book begins with a detailed genealogy from Adam to David, tracing Israel's lineage and showing God's faithfulness in preserving His people. These genealogies remind the returning exiles of their covenant heritage and God's sovereign plan.

**2 | David's Rise (1 Chronicles 10-12)**

Saul's downfall is briefly mentioned, shifting the focus to David's anointing as king. His mighty warriors, known for their bravery and loyalty, play a crucial role in securing Israel's stability and expanding its borders.

**3 | David's Kingdom (1 Chronicles 13-17)**

David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, establishing the city as Israel's spiritual and political center. He desires to build the temple, but God makes a greater promise his dynasty will last forever if it remains faithful to God, pointing to the coming Messiah.

**4 | Temple Preparations (1 Chronicles 18-22)**

David strengthens the kingdom, secures Israel's borders, and organizes the Levites and priests for temple service. These years include decisive victories over Philistia, Moab, Aram-Zobah, Edom, Ammon, and the Philistine giants. Yet David's census brings a devastating plague; after God's mercy, he purchases Araunah's threshing floor, the future Temple site demonstrating repentance. He gathers vast amounts of gold, silver, and materials, ensuring that Solomon will have everything needed for construction.

**5 | David's Final Words (1 Chronicles 23-28)**

David instructs Solomon and Israel's leaders to remain faithful to God's commands and carry out the sacred task of building the temple. He establishes detailed roles for priests, musicians, and gatekeepers to maintain proper worship.

**6 | David's Death (1 Chronicles 29)**

Leaders and people present generous free-will offerings for the Temple, and David offers a soaring doxology of praise (29:6-20). David blesses God and the people, then departs in peace. Solomon is anointed as king, entrusted with continuing David's divine mission of establishing the Temple and preserving sacred worship according to God's command. This moment marks the passing of a holy responsibility, maintaining covenant faithfulness through proper priestly service and worship. With wisdom and divine favor, Solomon is prepared to fulfill his father's vision.