

STOP 13: 1 Chronicles

PURPOSE: To unify God's people, to trace the Davidic line, and to teach that genuine worship ought to be the center of individual and national life

AUTHOR: Ezra, according to Jewish tradition

ORIGINAL AUDIENCE: The exiles who returned from captivity

SETTING: First Chronicles parallels 2 Samuel and serves as a commentary on it. Written after the Exile from a priestly point of view, 1 Chronicles emphasizes the religious history of Judah and Israel.

DATE WRITTEN: Approximately 430 B.C., recording events that occurred from about 1000-960 B.C.

KEY VERSES: 1 Chronicles 14:2

“And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.”

KEY PEOPLE: David, Solomon

KEY PLACES: Hebron, Jerusalem, the Temple

OUTLINE:

A. THE GENEALOGIES OF ISRAEL (1:1—9:44)

1. Ancestry of the nation
2. The tribes of Israel
3. Returnees from exile in Babylon

B. THE _____ OF _____ (10:1—29:30)

1. David becomes king over all of Israel
2. David brings the Ark to Jerusalem
3. David's military exploits
4. David arranges for the building of the Temple

CHRIST IN 1 CHRONICLES:

- The _____ of the genealogies (1-9)
- The Ark of God (13)
- The _____

“Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed *be* thou, LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 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, and thou art exalted as head above all.” 1 Chronicles 29:10-11



MEGATHEMES

THEME	EXPLANATION	IMPORTANCE
Israel's History	By retelling Israel's history in the genealogies and the stories of the kings, the writer laid down the true spiritual foundation for the nation. God kept his promises, and we are reminded of them in the historical record of his people, leaders, prophets, priests, and kings.	Israel's past formed a reliable basis for reconstructing the nation after the Exile. Because God's promises are revealed in the Bible, we can know God and trust him to keep his word. Like Israel, we should have no higher goal in life than devoted service to God.
God's People	By listing the names of people in Israel's past, God established Israel's true heritage. They were all one family in Adam, one nation in Abraham, one priesthood under Levi, and one kingdom under David. The national and spiritual unity of the people was important to the rebuilding of the nation.	God is always faithful to his people. He protects them in every generation and provides leaders to guide them. Because God has been at work throughout the centuries, his people can trust him to work in the present. You can rely on his presence today.
David, the King	The story of David's life and his relationship with God showed that he was God's appointed leader. David's devotion to God, the law, the Temple, true worship, the people, and justice sets the standard for what God's chosen king should be like.	Jesus Christ came to earth as a descendant of David. One day he will rule as King over all the earth. His strength and justice will fulfill God's ideal for the king. He is our hope. We can experience God's Kingdom now by giving Christ complete control of our lives.
True Worship	David brought the Ark of the Covenant to the Tabernacle at Jerusalem to restore true worship to the people. God gave the plans for building the Temple, and David organized the priests to make worship central to all Israel.	The Temple stood as the throne of God on earth, the place of true worship. God's true throne is in the hearts of his people. When we acknowledge him as the true King over our lives, true worship takes place.
The Priests	God ordained the priests and Levites to guide the people in faithful worship according to his law. By leading the people in worship according to God's design, the priests and Levites were an important safeguard to Israel's faith.	For true worship to remain central in our lives, God's people need to take a firm stand for the ways of God recorded in the Bible. Today, all believers are priests for one another, and we should encourage each other to faithful worship.

David's Greatest Moment – Passing the Torch

- I. Praising God's _____ (1 Chron 29:10-13)
- II. Recognizing his own _____ (1 Chron 29:14-16)
- III. Stressing the Need for an _____ (1 Chron 29:17-19)
- IV. Leading the People in Praise (1 Chron 29:20-22)