

Chronicles

(has meaning of an ongoing account, like a journal or diary or minutes taken at a meeting)

Summary

Starts with an extensive genealogy. 1 Chronicles is mostly a retelling of the texts 1 and 2 Samuel with administrative details and roles of various tribes and alliances in the nation's events. The book focuses on the reign of David and concludes with his death. 2 Chronicles starts with Solomon and follows the reign of subsequent Kings.

Author and Date:

Ezra (called the chronicler), according to Jewish tradition. In the end, 1-2 Chronicles does not claim Ezra as the author. This is why the write is called the Chronicler. 430BC

Audience/ Setting:

Exiles who had returned from captivity. Emphasizes the religious history of Judah and Israel.

Purpose:

Unify God's people. The message of Chronicles is of hope.

Key People:

David and Solomon

Key Places:

Hebron, Jerusalem, The Temple

References

KJV Foundation Study Bible
NLT Application Study Bible
Tony Evans Study Bible