

A Tour Through the Divine Library  
(1 Chronicles)

Introduction

**Joshua** → **Judges/Ruth** → **1 Samuel–2 Chronicles**  
(Entrance into Canaan) (Israel after Joshua) (Monarchy; Exile from Canaan)

**1 Chronicles = 2 Samuel; 2 Chronicles = 1 Kings, 2 Kings**

I. General Introduction to 1 Chronicles

- Title: first half of ‘The Words of the Days’ (Hebrew Bible); ‘The First Book of Things Omitted’ (Greek LXX); *Chronicorum Liber* (Later Latin Bible)
- Author: Ezra? (cf. 2 Chronicles 36:22, 23 with Ezra 1:1-3a); compiled from various historical sources (9:1; 27:4; 29:29)
- Structure and Date:
  - I. The Royal Line of David (chs. 1-9): Adam to David, Zerubbabel, Peletiah, Jeshaiiah (3:19, 21)
  - II. The Reign of David (chs. 10-29): 1004–971 BC
- Compiled after the return from exile (~ 450–430 BC)
- Purpose and Theme: religious rather than political; display God’s faithfulness; encourage the returning exiles

II. General Overview of 1 Chronicles

- David’s Royal Line (David’s Ancestry): God selects and preserves a people; maintains the Davidic line
- David’s Reign (David’s Activity): becomes king (chs. 10-12); brings ark to Jerusalem (chs. 13-16); plans to build the temple (ch. 17); achieves great military victories (chs. 18-21); prepares Israel for the temple (chs. 22-29)

III. Prominent People and Themes in 1 Chronicles

- People: David; Mighty Men; Nathan the Prophet; Solomon
- Themes: God’s Sovereignty; Faithfulness

IV. Christ in 1 Chronicles

- In the person of David
- In God’s promise to David

V. Practical Lessons in 1 Chronicles

- 1) God’s purposes in Christ will not fail.
- 2) We must be about our Father’s business.
- 3) Jesus is the promised Son to whom we must come for the forgiveness of our sins.