

Interesting Facts About 1 Chronicles

MEANING: "The Words. (accounts, events) of the Day."

AUTHOR: Unknown. Possibly by Ezra or a contemporary of Ezra.

TIME WRITTEN: Probably between 450 and 430 B.C..

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 13th Book in the Bible
- 13th Book in the Old Testament
- 8th of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 53 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 29

VERSES: 941

WORDS: 20,369

1 CHRONICLES

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 1 CHRONICLES:

- In the Hebrew Bible, 1 & 2 Chronicles were one book.
- Although the perspective is different, the time period covered in 1 & 2 Chronicles is the same period of Jewish history described in 2 Samuel through 2 Kings.
 - 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings give a political history of Israel and Judah and are written from a prophetic and moral viewpoint.
 - 1 & 2 Chronicles give a religious history of the Davidic dynasty and are written from a priestly and spiritual perspective.
- The genealogies in chapters 1-9 cover the time frame from Adam to David.
- Chapters 1-9 are the most comprehensive chronological tables in the Bible.
- Chapters 10-29 focus on the 33 years of David's rule over the United Kingdoms of Israel and Judah (1004-971 B.C.)
- The Chronicles are addressed to the remnant from Babylon.

- Ezra led some of the exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem in 457 B.C.
- During Ezra's time:
 - Ezra was the SPIRITUAL leader.
 - Nehemiah was the POLITICAL leader.
 - Malachi was the MORAL leader.
- Only one chapter (10) is given to Saul's reign.
- Chronicles emphasizes David's concern for the things of the Lord, including:
 - His having the Ark of the Covenant returned.
 - His desire to build a temple for God.
- 1 & 2 Chronicles stress David's:
 - Deep spiritual commitment
 - Courage
 - Integrity
- 1 & 2 Chronicles add events not found in 2 Samuel, including:
 - David's preparations for the temple.
 - The worship service of the Temple.

