

Correspondence Bible Study

Lesson #13 – 1 & 2 Chronicles

PRAYER:

Lord, help me to worship You in truth and love. The temple Solomon built could not hold You and my words are inadequate to describe Your glory. Give to me a true spirit of eagerness to study Your Word and to grow in my faith. Let me learn from the positive examples of the Kings of Judah. I pray in the name of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. Amen

1 & 2 Chronicles Notes:

The Books of Chronicles are very interesting because the writer is attempting to summarize the history of God's people from Adam to the time of the exile and restoration of the 4th and 5th centuries B.C. In many ways, the book paints idealized pictures of the Kings. This is especially true of David and Solomon. Their flaws, which are clearly seen in 1 and 2 Samuel and 1 and 2 Kings, are not even mentioned here. They are almost Christ-like. The temple is a major theme of the books. Great detail is given to its construction by Solomon. For online map of Solomon's Temple go to:

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/382594930815992011/>

1 Chronicles Questions:

1. Chapter 3:10-16 – Compare this list of Judah's Kings with the insert of your last lesson. What is the striking difference between the line of Judah's Kings and the Kings of the Northern Kingdom?
2. Chapter 4 – Why do you think the author started with Judah when he lists the 12 sons of Jacob?
3. Chapters 1-9 - The genealogies might not mean much to us. What was one of the reasons the writer put all these names in the Book?
4. Chapter 17 – What are some of the promises God made to David?
5. Chapters 22, 28 & 29 – David did everything he could to prepare for the building of the temple. What were the materials and men he lined up for Solomon?

2 Chronicles – Questions:

6. Chapters 3-7 – The building of the temple. As you read, keep in front of you the drawing of the temple. What were some of the features that were outstanding to you?
7. Of the Kings of Judah that followed Solomon, some were good-some bad. The good ones were Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah and Josiah. Look them up and find out why they were considered good.

Asa – Chapter 14-16:

Jehoshaphat Chapter 17-21:

Hezekiah Chapter 29-32

Josiah-Chapter 34-36:

8. To contrast the good Kings – look at Manasseh in 33 and list some of his evil deeds.
9. Chapter 36 – Judah would fall in 586 B.C. to Babylon. Why did God allow His nation to fall?
10. It is a minor point in 36:18, but this is the last mention of the ark of the Covenant. It is never heard of again.

Your questions on 1 & 2 Chronicles...

Begin reading Ezra & Nehemiah.