

1 CHRONICLES

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

13

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

29

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

While similar to 1 and 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles was written after the Great Exile to Babylon had ended. Its focus is the things on which God would have wanted the remnant and their descendants to concentrate. It contains a more spiritual perspective of Israel's history, beginning with Adam and ending with King Solomon's ascension to the throne.



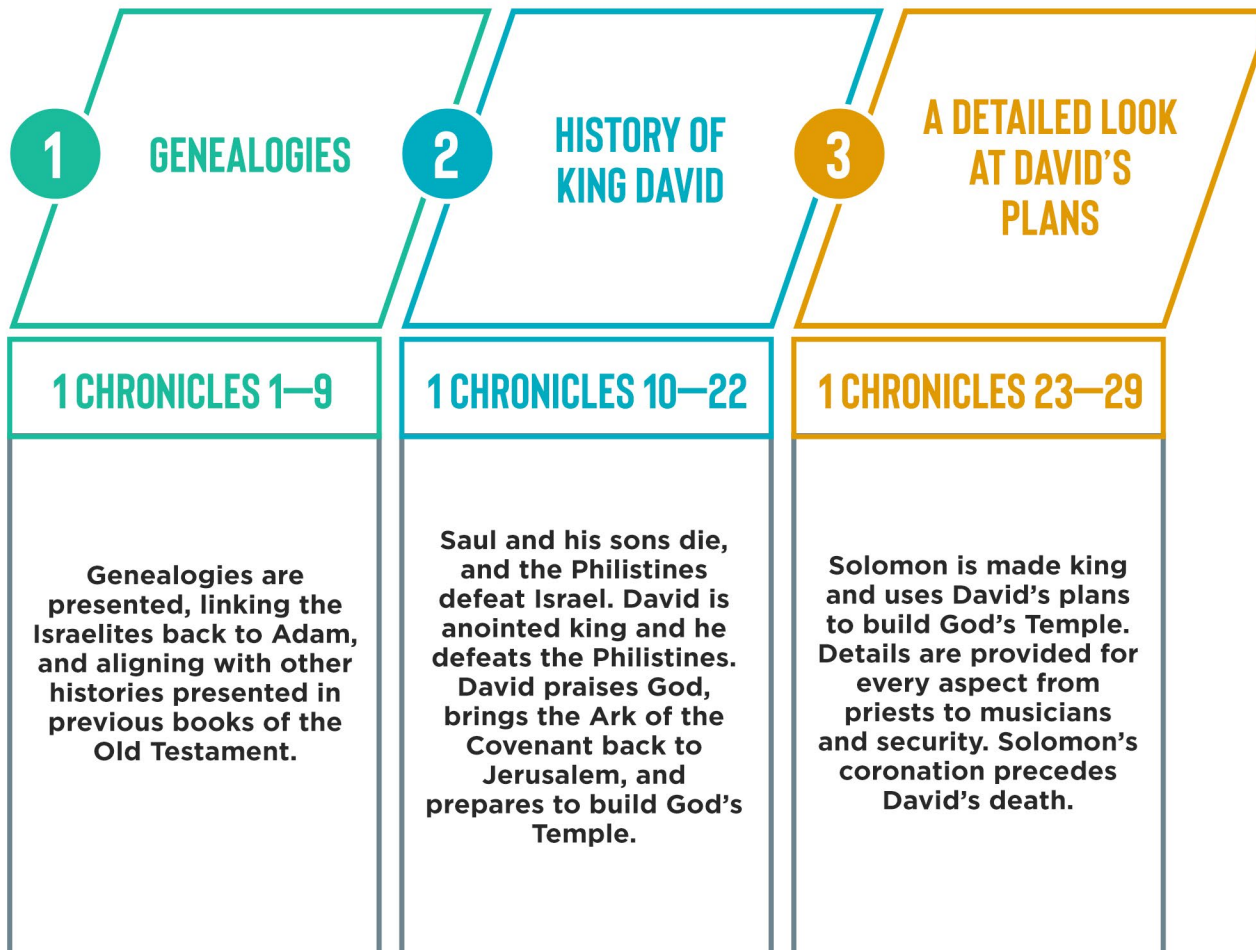
WRITTEN
450 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
4000–975 BC



AUTHOR
Unknown, but may have been Ezra the Scribe, a scribe and scholar.



2 CHRONICLES

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

14

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

36

TYPE

HISTORY



OVERVIEW

This book continues where 1 Chronicles left off, recording Solomon's reign and the kings up until the Babylonian invasion and Great Exile. It focuses on the history of Judah without the northern Kingdom of Israel.



WRITTEN
About 340 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
975–525 BC



AUTHOR
Unknown, but Ezra is cited as a contributor along with other scribes

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**KING SOLOMON
BUILDS THE TEMPLE**

2 CHRONICLES 1–9

Solomon prays for wisdom and God grants it—and much more. Solomon carries out the detailed plan of David and builds the Temple. He offers sacrifices and God accepts them, promising that Israel will prosper if they are obedient. The Queen of Sheba visits and Solomon reigns in wealth and wisdom, then dies.

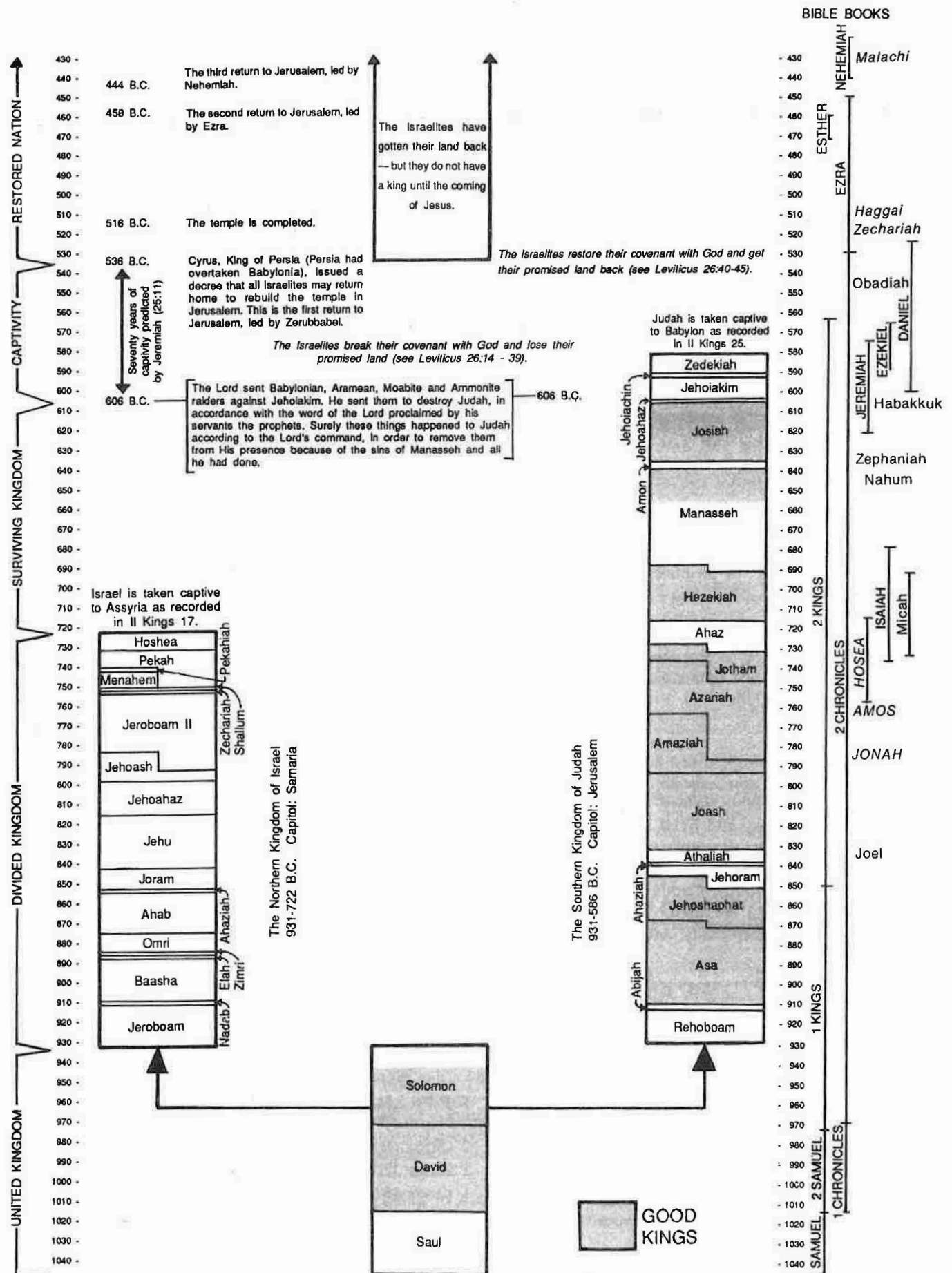
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**REHOBAM THROUGH
THE INVASION**

2 CHRONICLES 10–36

Rehoboam reigns and increases taxes, and the people divide into two kingdoms: Israel and Judah. Subsequent kings reign over Judah, some in wickedness and some in righteousness. The promise of the Lord is fulfilled; when righteous kings reign, their kingdom prospers and is protected. Several kings reign in wickedness until Babylon invades and the city of Jerusalem and the Temple are destroyed. After many years, King Cyrus of Persia promises to rebuild the Temple.

KINGS, CAPTIVITY, & RESTORATION



Solomon's Temple

Solomon constructed the temple on Mt. Moriah, north of the ancient City of David. The temple was built according to plans that David received from the Lord and passed on to Solomon (1 Chr. 28:11-13, 19). The division into a sanctuary and inner sanctuary corresponds to the division of the tabernacle into the holy place and Most Holy Place.

