



Everything's different in

CHRONICLES



Kings/Chronicles • Similarities

Both books address ...

- Judah **and** Israel
 - Record biblical history for their respective audiences
 - From the viewpoint of God's desires/expectations
 - Note the failure of both Judah **and** Israel to be faithful to God
 - Their respective **falls** into captivity
- Cover the same "basic" material
 - Fully 50% of the material in Chronicles comes *directly* from Samuel/Kings



Kings/Chronicles • Similarities

Both books address ...

- **Questions ...**
 - About the will of God
 - The promises/covenant of God
 - The role of Israel and Judah in God's plan (past • present • future)
 - The influence/impact of false "gods"



Kings/Chronicles • Differences

Chronicles, however ...

- Addresses a **different** audience ...
- Kings - either still in exile or just returned from exile
- Chronicles - Israel deeper/further into the period of restoration
- Answers **different** questions ...
- Kings
 - Did God fail? • **No**, God did **not** fail.
 - How could this happen to us? • This happened **because** of our faithlessness.
 - Is Marduk greater than Yahweh? • **No**, God **remains** in control.



Kings/Chronicles • Differences

Chronicles, however ...

- Answers **different** questions ...
- Chronicles
 - Are we **still** God's people? • **Yes**. In spite of your failures, you are still God's.
 - Does God **still care** about us? • **Yes**. In spite of your sins, God still cares.
 - Does God's promises/covenant **still apply** to us. • **Yes**, God remains faithful.
 - **How** do God's promises/covenant apply now? • God's **faithful** -> God's **plan**.



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Chronicles, answers these questions by emphasizing ...

- **Unity** • “**all** Israel,” not just Judah
- Genealogy • God’s plan **from creation** to this point (cf. Luke 3)
- The **good** kings • David/Solomon
- The **temple** • the divinely ordained building **and** purpose
- The difference
 - Between **national** and **cumulative** sin and its consequences ...
 - **Individual responsibility** and **immediate awareness** of God’s judgment

