





**CHRIST  
IN  
CHRONICLES**



## Chronicles Summary

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### Kings and Chronicles ...

- Address **different** audiences • Answer **different** questions
- Chronicles emphasizes
  - The **good** kings • David/Solomon • Their **positive** contributions • **All** Israel
  - The **temple** • the divinely ordained building **and** purpose
- A central difference
  - Between **national** and **cumulative** sin and its consequences and ...
  - **Individual responsibility** and **immediate awareness** of God's judgment



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### David's generosity ...

- David did **not** build the temple, but ...
  - He **collected** raw materials for the project
  - He **directed** national funds to the building
  - He personally **gave** money and resources for the temple
  - He **encouraged** others to donate to the construction



## Finding Jesus in Chronicles

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### “Three key emphases” ...

- “Israel **united** as a **worshiping community**”
- “The **temple** as the place for **meeting God** on earth”
- “The **personal work of God** in the lives of key figures to bring about **repentance and restoration.**” (Richard S. Hess, A Historical, Theological and Critical Intro, 343ff)



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### “Three key emphases” ...

- “Israel **united** as a **worshiping community**” - **All Israel**
- Israel **united** — **All Israel** — drawn from ...
  - Genealogy going back to Adam
  - The lineage of **all** Jacob’s/Israel’s sons
    - Emphasis on **post-captivity** genealogy (inclusive of **all** tribes)
    - Emphasis on the kingdom under two **great** kings, David and Solomon
    - Emphasis on **their** positive accomplishments
- Overall emphasis: A message of **inclusion** • **All Israel** **worshiping Jehovah**



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### “Three key emphases” ...

- “The **temple** as the place for **meeting God** on earth”
- Emphasis on the temple project ...
  - From its **planning** • Through its **construction** • To its **use** in **public worship**
- **Public worship** ...
  - Dedication • Sacrifices • Prayers -> God’s **blessings** **spiritually & physically**
- Emphasis on **Levitical** ...
  - Genealogies • Cities • Duties • Worship
  - Reflects **continuity** from Moses to restoration
- Emphasis on **God’s presence** • Respecting/revering it -> God’s blessings



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### “Three key emphases” ...

- “The **personal work of God** ... to bring about **repentance** and **restoration.**”
- Emphasis on **unity**/all Israel and **worship**/temple ...
  - Assumes there was a time when Israel was **not** united, **not** repentant
  - Assumes a time when Israel was **not** worshiping Jehovah acceptably
- Chronicles does **not** focus on retribution for those past sins ...
  - But rather focuses on the **blessings** of restoration **after** repentance
  - The central element: **Conversion**/change -> to **repentance/restoration**





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### “Three key emphases” ...

- “The **personal work of God** ... to bring about **repentance** and **restoration**.”
- Reflected in 2 Chronicles 7.14 ...
  - “If **My people** who are **called** by **My name** will **humble themselves**, and **pray** and **seek My face**, and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will **hear** from heaven, and will **forgive** their **sin** and **heal their land**.”
- **God’s people** wear **God’s name** • They must be **humble/pray/seek** God • They must **turn/repent** -> God will **hear**/God will **forgive**/God will **bless**



## Finding Jesus in Chronicles

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### “Three key emphases” ...

- “The **personal work of God** ... to bring about **repentance** and **restoration**.”
- Reflected in three lives ...
  - The **reforms** of **Hezekiah** and **Josiah** • National repentance -> blessings
  - The **repentance** of **Manasseh** • Even the most evil of men can change
- “Repentance and the gracious restoration of divine favor continue to be the principle by which the people of God live in a sinful world.” (Hess, 346)
- The principles/emphases of Chronicles find **fulfillment in Christ** ...
- **All** humanity can be **united** in Christ • **All** can **worship God** through Christ • **All** can be **forgiven** by God through the **blood** of Christ

