



## Class 13 - Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah

*Old Testament Seminar - Immanuel Church*

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### **1st & 2nd Chronicles**

Context

Purpose of Chronicles

#### **I. 1 Chronicles 1-9 Genealogies: The Roots of the Postexilic Community**

A focus on the line of promise

A focus on Judah

Inclusion of “all Israel”

To interpret a genealogy (or any text of Scripture), always start with the author’s main point.

#### **II. 1 Chronicles 10 – 2 Chronicles 9 The United Monarchy: The Messianic Hope of the Postexilic Community**

Communicating his point by differences from Samuel & Kings:

1. Chronicles presents a vision of what the Messiah will be like by highlighting only positive aspects of David and Solomon.

2 Sam. 11:1-2 v. 1 Chron. 20:1-2

What happened to Bathsheba and Uriah?

2. In Chronicles, the accounts of David and Solomon revolve around the temple of God.

1 Kings 5:7 v. 2 Chron. 2:12

Wisdom for ruling v. wisdom for building

2 Chron. 6:24-26

### **III. 2 Chronicles 10-36 The Kings of Judah: Examples of Rebellion and Repentance for the Postexilic Community**

Key to understanding this section: 2 Chron. 7:13-15

A focus on repentance and forgiveness

A focus on “immediate retribution”

- The danger of applying 2 Chron. 7:14 to any nation-state today
- Examples of “immediate retribution:”
- Examples of mercy: 2 Chron. 17:9-10, 32:25-26
- Examples of judgment: 2 Chron. 12:1-2, 25:27

The end of the book: exile and release (2 Chron. 36:15-20)

### **Conclusion: Three Ways to Apply Chronicles**

1. See how it points to Jesus
2. Learn about living in the “already, not yet”
3. Thank God for absorbing immediate retribution

### **A Study Outline for 1st and 2nd Chronicles**

- i. A Genealogical Presentation of the Tribes of Israel (1 Chron. 1-9)
  - a. Adam to Esau (1:1-54)
  - b. The sons of Israel (2:1-2)
  - c. The tribe of Judah (2:3-4:23)
  - d. The tribe of Simeon (4:24-43)
  - e. The Transjordanian tribes (5:1-26)
  - f. The tribe of Levi (6:1-81)

- g. Other northern tribes (7:1-40)
- h. The tribe of Benjamin (8:1-40)
- i. The resettlement of Jerusalem (9:1-34)
- j. The genealogy of Saul (9:35-44)
- ii. The United Kingdom of David and Solomon (1 Chron. 10-2 Chron. 9)
  - a. David's rise to power over Israel (1 Chron. 10:1-12:40)
  - b. David's transfer of the ark to Jerusalem (13:1-16:43)
  - c. The dynastic promise to David (17:1-27)
  - d. David's wars (18:1-20:8)
  - e. David's census and preparation for the temple (21:1-29:30)
  - f. Solomon's temple preparations (2 Chron. 1:1-2:18)
  - g. Solomon's building of the temple (3:1-5:1)
  - h. The dedication of the temple (5:2-7:22)
  - i. Solomon's other accomplishments (8:1-16)
  - j. Solomon's international relations and renown (8:17-9:31)
- iii. The Kingdom of Judah down to the Exile (2 Chron. 10-36)
  - a. Rehoboam (10:1-12:16)
  - b. Abijah (13:1-14:1)
  - c. Asa (14:2-16:14)
  - d. Jehoshaphat (17:1-21:1)
  - e. Jehoram and Ahaziah (21:2-22:12)
  - f. Joash (23:1-24:27)
  - g. Amaziah (25:1-28)
  - h. Uzziah (26:1-23)
  - i. Jotham (27:1-9)
  - j. Ahaz (28:1-27)
  - k. Hezekiah (29:1-32:33)
  - l. Manasseh (33:21-25)
  - m. Amon (33:21-25)
  - n. Josiah (34:-35:27)
  - o. The last four kings (36:1-21)
  - p. Restoration (36:22-23)

## **Ezra - Nehemiah**

### Context

- Historical Context
  - Events occur between 538 and ca. 433 BC
  - Cyrus, the Persian king, allows Jews to return and rebuild
- Redemptive-Historical Context
  - God still committed to His plan of redemption
  - But the full kingdom of God is still not yet

### **Theme**

God is renewing the covenant by restoring His people, the temple, true worship, and Jerusalem. But it's not the same, and it doesn't fulfill all the great prophecies. Thus His people still look to the future.

### **God Initiates and the People Respond – Ezra 1:5-6**

### **The People Return and Rebuild – Ezra 1:7 – 6:22**

### **The People Sin and Repent – Ezra 7 – 10**

### **Nehemiah Returns and the People Rebuild – Nehemiah 1 – 7**

### **The People Rejoice....and Relapse – Nehemiah 8 - 13**

### **A Study Outline for Ezra-Nehemiah**

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- ii. The People Return and Rebuild Ezra 1:7 – 6:22

- iii. The People Sin and Repent – Ezra 7 – 10
- iv. Nehemiah Returns, People Rebuild the Walls – Nehemiah 1 – 7
- v. The People Rejoice....and Relapse Nehemiah 8-13

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