

# 1 & 2 CHRONICLES

**AUTHOR:**

These books cover a large period of time and were written down later as a history of Israel during the time of the Monarchy under Saul, David, and Solomon, and the Divided Kingdom of the North and the South.

**DATE:**

Chronicles was compiled during the 6<sup>th</sup> century and tells of the events between the 11<sup>th</sup> century and 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

**AUDIENCE:**

The original audience was the Jews who had just come back from exile in Babylon. They were trying to start over after their entire way of life ended with the destruction of the Temple in 586 B.C.

**CONTENTS:**

In Chronicles we read about Israel's history with their surrounding nations and with each other. During this period they were not very successful in either case. The story ends with the fall of the Southern Kingdom to the Babylonians in 586 B.C. and the Jews going to exile in Babylon.

**CULTURAL FACTS:**

God's people had suffered because of their sin and resulting exile, and were now looking for a new beginning through obedience.

