



1 Chronicles



Reading the Bible Together

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What is 'In Sync' Bible Reading?

'In Sync' encourages us to read together through the Bible, and then reflect together on what we have read from God's Word. We consider the main message and the key themes of a whole book (or books) of the Bible, and then we can share with others what we have learnt through our Bible reading.

'I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.' (Psalm 119:16)

Questions to consider

Reading the Bible does not have to be an intellectual study. Anyone can read the Bible and by God's grace understand it. The main thing is that we pray for God's help as we read.

Here are some questions to help you think through what you are reading:

1. What have I learnt about God and about Jesus?
2. What does this teach me about humanity and myself?
3. What has most encouraged me from this book?
4. How does this teach me to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul and mind? (Matt 22:37-40)
5. How does this teach me to love my neighbour as myself? (Matt 22:37-40)
6. Is there anything else I should learn here to be 'equipped for every good work' (2 Tim 3:17)

1 Chronicles (29 Chapters)

1 Chronicles is the first part of what in the Hebrew Canon is considered as one book, Chronicles. The Hebrew name for the book is "The events of the days", and is one of two books in the Bible that covers the whole of human history from creation to the author's day (Matthew being the other).

As such the first 9 chapters of the book are genealogies. While this does not make for the easiest reading, for the Chronicler (who is not identified) and his audience these 9 chapters would have been incredibly significant: For a generation of people who were asking about their relationship to Israel in the past, and the question "Is God still interested in us?", these 9 chapters give a clear "Yes". The Chroniclers generation is related directly back to Adam.

The genealogies finish, and in Chapter 10 we are thrown straight into the action; the battle at which Saul, who had been seeking the guidance of mediums rather than the Lord, falls onto his sword and dies.

From Chapter 11 to the end of the book in Chapter 29 we read of the reign of King David, and we learn of his Mighty Men (Chapters 11-12). The restoration of the Ark to its rightful place (take care not to touch it though) shows us David's commitment to God and leads us directly to the Lord's covenant with David (Chapter 17).

We read of more of David's battles- as well as of the killing of the Philistine giants in Chapters 18-20; and in Chapter 21 we read of David's sinful Census and the subsequent pestilence sent on the people.

Chapters 22-29 focus on the preparations made for the building of the temple, and the division of the personnel. These latter chapters record in great detail the names of the Priests, Musicians, Gatekeepers among others, and while sometimes difficult to read, gives a great account of the vast Historical worth of the Bible.

1 Chronicles ends with the Death of David, and the ascension of his son Solomon.

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