

SAMUEL, KINGS & CHRONICLES

THE DIFFERENCES & SIMILARITIES

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Samuel and Kings were written around 550-560 BC during the Babylonian exile, and addressed the hardhearted Jews experiencing exile and captivity.

Chronicles was written after the exile was over, around 450-440 BC, and seeks to inspire hope and faith in God among those who are hurting after this spiritually devastating ordeal.

The fact that these two accounts of Israel's history are given to different audiences accounts for the contrasts between the two. While Samuel/Kings needed to show the people that the nation's troubles were the result of their sinful disobedience rather than God's abandonment of His people, Chronicles wanted to encourage the Israelites and help them turn back to worshipping Yahweh as the one true God.

A Focus on David and Solomon - Chronicles focuses heavily on David and Solomon. When discussing these rulers, the spotlight is on their triumphs rather than their respective failures of adultery and idolatry.

A Focus on Judah - A second distinctive is that Chronicles focuses primarily on the kings of Judah, the house of David, rather than the kings of Israel.

A Focus on Restoration - While Samuel/Kings acknowledges that God dealt with the wickedness of Israel's kings by punishing even their descendants, Chronicles focuses on God's dealing with obedient and disobedient kings within their own lifetime.

1. READ

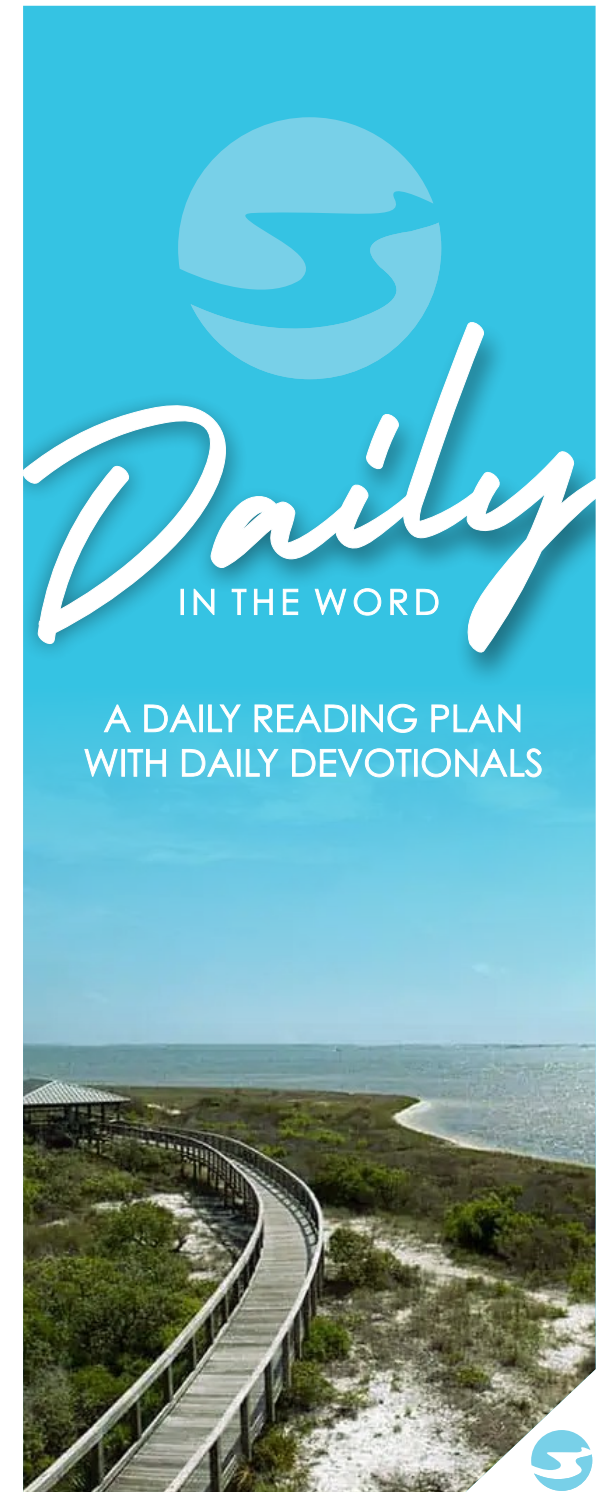
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IMPORTANT NOTE:
This reading plan merges the books of Chronicles with Samuel and Kings in chronological manner to give a more complete understanding. (SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE)

- January 21 Samuel 20
- January 3.....1 Samuel 21
- January 41 Samuel 22
- January 51 Samuel 23
- January 61 Samuel 24

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- January 91 Samuel 25
 - January 101 Samuel 26
 - January 111 Samuel 27
 - January 121 Samuel 28
 - January 131 Samuel 29

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- January 161 Samuel 30
 - January 171 Samuel 31
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 - January 182 Samuel 1
 - January 192 Samuel 2
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- January 23.....2 Samuel 4
 - January 242 Samuel 5
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 - January 252 Samuel 6
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 - January 262 Samuel 7
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 - January 272 Samuel 8
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- January 30.....2 Samuel 9
 - January 312 Samuel 10
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- February 12 Samuel 11
- February 22 Samuel 12
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- February 62 Samuel 14
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