

# 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

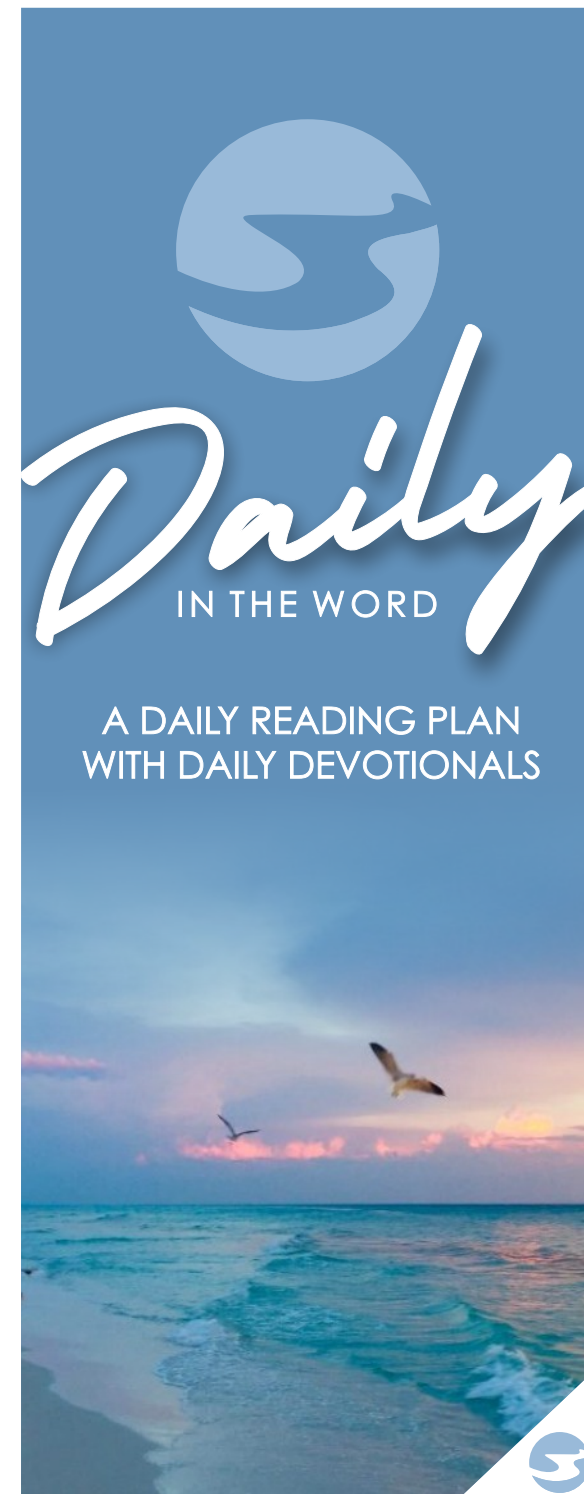
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**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

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

- April 3 .....1 Kings 22  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 17-20
- April 4 .....2 Kings 1
- April 5 .....2 Kings 2
- April 6 .....2 Kings 3
- April 7 .....2 Kings 4

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- April 10 .....2 Kings 5
- April 11 .....2 Kings 6
- April 12 .....2 Kings 7
- April 13 .....2 Kings 8  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 21
- April 14 .....2 Kings 9  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 22

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- April 17 .....2 Kings 10
- April 18 .....2 Kings 11  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 23
- April 19 .....2 Kings 12  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 24
- April 20 .....2 Kings 13
- April 21 .....2 Kings 14  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 25

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- April 24 .....2 Kings 15  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 26-27
- April 25 .....2 Kings 16  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 28
- April 26 .....2 Kings 17
- April 27 .....2 Kings 18  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 29-32
- April 28 .....2 Kings 19  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 29-32

- May 1 .....2 Kings 20  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 29-32
- May 2 .....2 Kings 21  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 33
- May 3 .....2 Kings 22  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 34-35
- May 4 .....2 Kings 23  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 36
- May 5 .....2 Kings 24  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 36

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- May 8 .....2 Kings 25  
+ 2 CHRONICLES 36
- May 9 .....Ezra 1
- May 10 .....Ezra 2
- May 11 .....Ezra 3
- May 12 .....Ezra 4

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- May 15 .....Ezra 5
- May 16 .....Ezra 6
- May 17 .....Ezra 7
- May 18 .....Ezra 8
- May 19 .....Ezra 9

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- May 22 .....Ezra 10
- May 23 .....Nehemiah 1
- May 24 .....Nehemiah 2
- May 25 .....Nehemiah 3
- May 26 .....Nehemiah 4

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- May 29 .....Nehemiah 5
- May 30 .....Nehemiah 6
- May 31 .....Nehemiah 7

- June 1 .....Nehemiah 8
- June 2 .....Nehemiah 9

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- June 5 .....Nehemiah 10
- June 6 .....Nehemiah 11
- June 7 .....Nehemiah 12
- June 8 .....Nehemiah 13
- June 9 .....Esther 1

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- June 12 .....Esther 2
- June 13 .....Esther 3
- June 14 .....Esther 4
- June 15 .....Esther 5
- June 16 .....Esther 6

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- June 19 .....Esther 7
- June 20 .....Esther 8
- June 21 .....Esther 9
- June 22 .....Esther 10
- June 23 .....Job 1

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- June 26 .....Job 2
- June 27 .....Job 3
- June 28 .....Job 4
- June 29 .....Job 5
- June 30 .....Job 6