

1 CHRONICLES 5-10

WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE

WEEK IN REVIEW

We continue through the **genealogies** of 1 Chronicles. As a reminder, a genealogy is a record of names in a family. While these may seem insignificant and maybe even boring, there is so much we can learn from them. 1 Chronicles was written after the exile, and most believe that a man named Ezra was the author. 1 Chronicles is a highlight reel. It is sharing the high moments of the history of Israel from a different lens than it was written in 1 and 2 Samuel and Kings, and to a different audience. The audience of 1 Chronicles was a generation that did not grow up learning about the history of Israel. This book serves as a highlight reel of where the Israelites came from and how faithful God had been.

The genealogies of 1 Chronicles 5-9 walk through the names of the people in the different tribes of Israel. **Where do we get the twelve tribes of Israel?** If you remember back in Genesis, there was a man named Jacob. Jacob wrestled with God and was later renamed Israel. Jacob had twelve sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin. These later became the names of the twelve tribes of Israel with a few exceptions. Joseph, one of those twelve, had two sons: Ephraim and Manasseh. When the tribes settled in the Promised Land, Joseph's two sons each became the head of a tribe, and split his inheritance into two "tribes." This meant that there were thirteen tribal territories with only twelve tribes. Levi's tribe didn't get land because they were responsible for priestly duties.

1 Chronicles 10 then goes into the history of Israel, beginning with the death of King Saul. Saul was the first king in Israel, and was not known for following God faithfully. Saul was rather known for being tall, strong, yet fully devoted to himself. It tells us that, "Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord; he did not keep the word of the Lord and even consulted a **medium** for guidance, and did not inquire of the Lord." A medium was someone who said they can talk to people who have died to get advice or secrets. God instructed His people not to do that and to seek Him for guidance. There is a lot we can learn from the mistakes of Saul. We should rely on God, and not take shortcuts. We also see that pride can lead to poor choices. Saul let fear and pride control him instead of seeking God. Humility and listening to God keeps us on the right path.

FAMILY GUIDE

BIG IDEA:	1 Chronicles is a highlight reel of where the Israelites came from and how faithful God had been
KEY STORIES:	- The Tribe of Levi: Priests and Musicians - The Tribe of Benjamin and Saul's Line - Returning Exiles and Temple Duties - Saul's Death and the End of His Reign
KEY VERSES:	1 Chronicles 5:20 "They cried out to God during the battle, and He answered their prayer because they trusted in Him." 1 Chronicles 6:32 "They ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting until Solomon built the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem." 1 Chronicles 9:23 "They and their descendants were in charge of guarding the gates of the house of the Lord—the house called the tent of meeting." 1 Chronicles 10:13–14 "Saul died because he was unfaithful to the Lord; he did not keep the word of the Lord and even consulted a medium for guidance, and did not inquire of the Lord. So the Lord put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse."
WORDS TO KNOW:	Genealogies - A record of family names Medium - Someone who said they can talk to people who have died to get advice or secrets.

Reflection Questions

1.	What is the key theme for the book of 1 Chronicles?
2.	Where did we get the twelve tribes of Israel?
3.	What can we learn from the life of Saul?