

17 Choose wisely

A nation with a king

Some key people

There's a lot of history in the books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles, so this table is just an overview. Fill it in and it won't seem so daunting.

BC	People	References	Major events
1100	S.....	1 Samuel 3 1 Samuel 16	
1050	S.....	1 Samuel 8-9 1 Samuel 19 1 Samuel 31, 1 Chronicles 10	
1010	D.....	2 Samuel 2, 1 Chronicles 11 2 Samuel 5:1-5 2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 15 2 Samuel 11 2 Samuel 15 2 Samuel 22, 1 Chronicles 16:8	
970	S.....	1 Kings 3, 2 Chronicles 1 1 Kings 6, 2 Chronicles 3 1 Kings 10, 2 Chronicles 9 1 Kings 11	
930	J.....	1 Kings 12, 2 Chronicles 10	
874	A.....	1 Kings 16:29-32	
	E.....	1 Kings 17	
		1 Kings 18	
	N.....	1 Kings 21	
	E.....	2 Kings 5	
723	H.....	2 Kings 17:6	
715	H.....	2 Chronicles 29	
		2 Chronicles 30	
		2 Kings 18-19, 2 Chronicles 32	
696	M.....	2 Kings 21, 2 Chronicles 33	
640	J.....	2 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 34	
		2 Kings 23	
586	Z.....	2 Kings 25, 2 Chronicles 36	

4000 BC

3000 BC

2000 BC

Did you know?

There are items in the British Museum in London to do with this period in the Bible. It is fascinating to go and see them with someone who knows the Biblical history and can tell you about the siege of Lachish, or Sennacherib's prism.

(There is a photo of the prism in lesson 23)

The capital of Israel
 IS Samaria
 The capital of Judah
 is Jerusalem

Good Influence/Bad influence

Rehoboam	1 Kings 12:1-15	
Naaman	2 Kings 5:1-3,15	
Elijah	1 Kings 18:1-39	
Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:1-39	
Jonathan	1 Samuel 20:4,11-17,41,42	
David	1 Samuel 24:1-13	
Joash	2 Kings 12:2	
Joash	2 Chronicles 24:17-27	

In the third column write who the person in the first column was influenced by. Highlight the names in a different colour depending on whether the influence was good or bad. Don't forget to highlight which is which in the key.

Can you think of any more?

Key	Good	
	Bad	

Lists of Names - Boring or interesting?

The first 9 chapters of Chronicles are genealogies and lists of names. They were very important to the Jews and still are because 'families' are important. We can sometimes find out interesting things as well when we compare the names with other times they are mentioned in the Bible.

Why Kings and Chronicles?

If Kings and Chronicles cover the same period in history, what's the difference between the books? Use a modern translation where you can look at the headings and see which kings are mentioned in Chronicles.

Have another look at 2 Samuel

Which king is it nearly all about?

We know more about this king than any other (except perhaps Jesus)

Why do you think this is?

You can find out even more about him in the Psalms. Can you find six things David says of God?

God was his.....

..... See Psalm 13:5, 18:2, 19:14 and 23:1.

1000 BC

BC|AD

This wordsearch

is about some characters that crop up in Samuel, Kings and Chronicles

Take it in turns to find a word and then give a 30 second summary of what you know about that character or event. If you don't know pass on that one and let your teacher tell the class.

C T J A H A B E H S H G H Q M
I S A I A H L T D W I O X S L
P J W P T R A Q S I H L C H I
H A O O F H V W E E V I V Q V
O E B V P J O N A T H A N I U
T A Z E N O M O L O S T D L P
N E R E G B H E L W O H L U A
N A H N K A L L E N A A M A N
Z X I P N I A I U L P E R S L
X K Z N O B A S M J I Z N Q E
F B A I I R F H A B S J F P B
G H W G S Q P A S E L J A A E
M T A H A I S O J E L I M H Z
Q I E Z X B B X M L N Y N D E
L E M R A C N M A O B O R E J

ABIGAIL
AHAB
CARMEL
DAVID
ELI
ELIJAH
ELISHA
GOLIATH

ISAIAH
JEROBOAM
JEZEBEL
JOSIAH
SAMUEL
SOLOMON
HANNAH
HEZEKIAH

JONATHAN
NABOTH
KING
NAAMAN
PROPHET
SAUL
SHEBA
ZAREPHATH

