
God used the Books of Chronicles to turn a rabble into a new generation of faith. One day, their descendants would meet the Messiah, and the Church would be born. But His genealogy is for another day.

In the first nine chapters of Chronicles, as in all of Scripture, we hear God's voice speaking. From beginning to end, His voice always speaks effectively, as it did when He created the heavens and the earth. Notice His voice echoing through the pages of Scripture. It is the voice of God that ...

- Spoke the universe into being
- Called out to Adam and Eve when they hid from Him in Eden
- Pronounced a curse on their sin and a promise of a deliverer
- Outlined God's righteous standards from Mount Sinai
- For centuries, called His sinful people back to Him through His prophets
- Delivered warnings of judgment against His unrepentant people
- Whispered consolation and encouragement to His faithful children
- Ruled all the nations of the world, even as His people pined in exile
- Restored His people from exile after seventy years
- Cried from a manger with the voice of an infant
- Taught words of perfect truth to the nation Israel
- Stood in silence, as His own people sentenced Him to death
- Cried, "It is finished!" from the cross, after accomplishing our redemption
- Sent the Holy Spirit to fill His Church
- Calls from the pages of the Bible to redeem a people for Himself
- Deeply desires to talk with you, hear from you, fellowship with you
- Alone deserves your love, allegiance, obedience—and your time.

Have a happy New Year, as you read God's Word and follow His ways.

Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** May God give our church a united heart and clear vision of our role in His kingdom work in Corona and the world.
- **Local Outreach:** Settlement House and Empty Bowls, helping the homeless.
- **Missions:** Pastor Antonio Camarillo (Barnabas Association): Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Carranza, near Mexicali, Mexico

Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to pray for you personally. Share your prayer requests

- By email at prayer@northpointcorona.org
- By phone, at 951.734.1335
- On a Response Card in the pew during the worship service

Prayer Team members are available after every worship service.



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Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

(Year **THREE**) January 2016

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

—1st Chronicles 16:29-31

The Voice

Well, it's New Year's Day—God's gift to all. Take time to tell Him "Thank You" and commit the next 366 days into His wise and loving hands.

You'll notice that we're starting 1st Chronicles at chapter ten. Chapters 1-9, the only ones we skip in our three-year trip through Scripture, are almost entirely genealogies—lists of names that connect father to son across centuries of history. Since it's a holiday, feel free to read through the chapters, if you like. If you do, it will help to understand that these long lists of names serve an important purpose.

The purpose is connection. The Chronicles were written to a rabble—a few thousand Israelis, just returned to the Promised Land from exile, after Cyrus, king of Persia, gave them permission. The glory days of David, Solomon, or even Hezekiah lay centuries in the past. These people were subjects of gentile conquerors. What business did they have to expect great things from God?

The first nine chapters of 1st Chronicles create a concrete connection between this returning rabble and the great heroes of faith from days gone by. Whatever the era, no matter the circumstance, the people of God are the people of God. And the great thing about God's people is the God we serve.

These genealogies connect the returning remnant with the original great men of faith: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc. The occasional vignettes that pop up (Jabez, in 4:9-10, for example) demonstrate ways in which ordinary people can connect to the great God of the past. Greatness isn't in God's people, but through faith, God's people access and reflect the greatness of God.

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year THREE)

January 2016

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: School or Job	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
<p><i>As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.</i> —Isaiah 55:10-11</p>					<p>1) Read: 1st Chronicles 10 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to establish His rule in the United States, by filling the Church with His Spirit, and establishing strong Godly leaders.</p>	<p>2) Read: 1st Chronicles 11 <i>Return Thanks for ...</i> God's constant faithfulness in giving us a New Year of life, liberty, & blessing even in difficult times.</p>
<p>3) Read: 1st Chronicles 12 <i>Pray for ...</i> John Sloan, our Lead Pastor, to feed us from God's Word and lead us in His will.</p>	<p>4) Read: 1st Chronicles 13 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your parents and brothers and sisters: May God provide what they need so they grow in His grace.</p>	<p>5) Read: 1st Chronicles 14 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your spiritual example and testimony, so those around you will see Christ in you.</p>	<p>6) Read: 1st Chronicles 15 <i>Pray for ...</i> Creative ways & good opportunities to get to know the neighbors. Pray for Christ's love to shine through you.</p>	<p>7) Read: 1st Chronicles 16 <i>Pray for ...</i> The leaders of our state & federal governments to obey God's will and turn their heart of to honor Him as Lord & Savior.</p>	<p>8) Read: 1st Chronicles 17 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Lord to reign in the affairs of men throughout the world. May God's justice, righteousness, truth, and grace cover all the earth.</p>	<p>9) Read: 1st Chronicles 18 <i>Praise God for ...</i> His provision for your daily needs and answers to your prayers</p>
<p>10) Read: 1st Chronicles 19 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use Scott Williams, Adult & Family Pastor to equip us for service & cultivate our fellowship as Christians.</p>	<p>11) Read: 1st Chronicles 20 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to protect your spouse (or your parents) and children (or siblings) and keep them in His will</p>	<p>12) Read: 1st Chronicles 21 <i>Pray for ...</i> The integrity & success of your school or workplace: May God's Spirit use you to lead others to follow in His ways.</p>	<p>13) Read: 1st Chronicles 22 <i>Pray for ...</i> The salvation of your neighbors across the street. Ask God for opportunities to connect with them.</p>	<p>14) Read: 1st Chronicles 23 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to bring the Gospel to every household in America & to guide you to someone He wants to reach through you.</p>	<p>15) Read: 1st Chronicles 24 <i>Pray for ...</i> The Lord to reign in the affairs of the nations of Europe, North, Central, & South America.</p>	<p>16) Read: 1st Chronicles 25 <i>Give Praise ...</i> To God for the beauty of creation and His sovereign goodness in your life.</p>
<p>17) Read: 1st Chronicles 26 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use Brent Whitefield, Pastor of Outreach, to equip us to reach our community add new believers.</p>	<p>18) Read: 1st Chronicles 27 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your church family (friends and prospective friends at Northpoint) to grow in God's grace & display it to others.</p>	<p>19) Read: 1st Chronicles 28 <i>Pray for ...</i> Your leaders, coworkers and friends: May they come to know Christ & His love</p>	<p>20) Read: 1st Chronicles 29 <i>Pray for ...</i> The neighbors you interact with most regularly: Ask God to create moments when you can tell them of your hope in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p>21) Read: Mark 1 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to transform our education system, media, & businesses, so they honor Christ & uphold Biblical truth.</p>	<p>22) Read: Mark 2 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to raise up new generations of missionaries to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.</p>	<p>23) Read: Mark 3 <i>Thank God</i> List five things in your life that God has given you, then tell God thanks for each one.</p>
<p>24) Read: Mark 4 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use our Youth Pastor, Jonathan Clubb, to lead our students to love Christ, trust Him, and follow His ways.</p>	<p>25) Read: Mark 5 <i>Pray for ...</i> Seek God's eternal blessing for your extended family: uncles, aunts, cousins, & their families.</p>	<p>26) Read: Mark 6 <i>Pray for ...</i> Ask Christ to reveal Himself through you to your fellow students or those you serve through your job.</p>	<p>27) Read: Mark 7 <i>Pray for ...</i> Spiritual, physical, and emotional safety for local community workers, city leaders, teachers, police & fire departments.</p>	<p>28) Read: Mark 8 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to use His blessings on our nation to serve others & glorify Himself, so that our wealth & freedom serve others and honor Him.</p>	<p>29) Read: Mark 9 <i>Pray for ...</i> God to protect & build His Church in Middle East & to establish liberty, stability, & peace in that region.</p>	<p>30) Read: Mark 10 <i>Thank God for ...</i> Your family and friends. They are special gifts from Him to you.</p>
<p>31) Read: Mark 11 <i>Pray for ...</i> God's guidance for a Pastor of Worship to lead us to worship God & give ourselves to Him in faith, joy, & love.</p>	<p>How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?</p>					