

Series "Fixed On 66"
"2 Chronicles"
Book-14

Key Passage – 2 Chronicles 7:14; 2 Chronicles 16:9

2 Chronicles Parallels **1, 2 Kings** but ignores the Northern kingdom of Israel. It is rejected because of its false worship and its rejection of the temple in Jerusalem.

The Author is not stated but some have suggested that **Jeremiah** wrote **1, 2 Kings, 1, 2 Chronicles**. Some have also suggested that **Ezra** the priest wrote **1, 2 Chronicles**. The closing verses of **2 Chronicles 36:22-23** are almost identical to **Ezra 1:1-3**.

When Written: Begins with Solomon and the glorious temple to Cyrus's edict to rebuild the temple more than 400 years later.

2 Chronicles 1-9 covers 40 years from 971-931 BC.
2 Chronicles 10-36 covers 393 years from 931-538 BC.

Jeremiah's prediction of a 70-year captivity in Babylon **2 Chronicles 36:21;**
Jeremiah 29:10

Where it was Written: We don't know.

Purpose: It focuses upon those kings that followed David. Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Uzziah, Hezekiah and Josiah. The temple and its worship are central in the book because the worship of God is essential to our survival.

A Divine editorial on the spiritual characteristics of the Davidic dynasty.

Theme: *"The Holy Spirit/s Account of Solomon, and Those That Walked Like David."*

Key Words: Priestly View of Judah. Words, phrases, and terms are related to worship, devotion, the heart of man to God.

Key Chapter: 2 Chronicles 34

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Outline:

2 Chronicles 1-9	The Kingdom Declines
2 Chronicles 10-12	The Kingdom Divides
2 Chronicles 13-36	The Kingdom Decays

1. Asa

2 Chronicles 14-16

2. Jehoshaphat	2 Chronicles 17-20
3. Joash	2 Chronicles 23-24
4. Uzziah	2 Chronicles 26
5. Hezekiah	2 Chronicles 29-32
6. Josiah	2 Chronicles 34-35

2 Chronicles 1-9 The Kingdom Declines

Most of the information in these chapters is also found in **1 Kings 1-11**.

1 Chronicles 29:28-30

2 Chronicles 1:1 All the turmoil regarding Solomon coming to the throne is omitted.

While the years of Solomon's reign were undoubtedly Israel's greatest in terms of **wealth**, **fame**, and **political power**, they were also the **worst in terms of spiritual devotion to the Lord**.

Furthermore, the king lived in luxury because he collected food and taxes from the people. (**1 Kings 4:22-25; 12:1-5**) Yes, the kingdom was indeed glorious, but it was declining in every way.

2 Chronicles 1:8-12 Solomon's Prayer, And God's Answer:

Yes, Solomon began his reign at the altar, sacrificing to the Lord and asking Him for wisdom, but that didn't continue.

2 Chronicles 2 Solomon's Preparation For Building: Hiram King of Tyre making a commitment to supply what is needed to build the temple.

2 Chronicles 3 The Building Site: 2 Chronicles 3:1-2 This was the site that David purchased to offer an offering to the Lord to stop the judgment of God on Israel.

Picture of Temple Mount: Where was the original Temple?

2 Chronicles 4 The Furnishings of the Temple:

2 Chronicles 5:1-10 The Ark Is Brought into the Temple:

2 Chronicles 5:4-6 This scene was the culmination of years of planning. The sacrificing of animals; the blood that was shed was quite a sight!

2 Chronicles 5:11-14 The Glory of The Lord Appears:

2 Chronicles 5:13-14

2 Chronicles 6 Solomon's Prayer of Dedication: 2 Chronicles 6:22-23

The temple was a designated place that God Choose to meet with His people.

Some look at the church and think it is the same as the temple! No! the temple was a dispensational period of time that God choose to dwell with Israel in a physical building,
Not forsaking our assembling together – **Hebrews 10:25**

2 Chronicles 7 The Shekinah Glory: 2 Chronicles 7:1-3, 12-14

2 Chronicles 7:19-22 God's Warning to Israel: 2 Chronicles 7:19-22

**2 Chronicles 8 Solomon's Activities and Accomplishments:
2 Chronicles 8:6**

We can see that the heart of Solomon is already being diverted from the Lord.

2 Chronicles 9 Solomon's Wealth and Power: 2 Chronicles 9:22-25

Solomon's Death: 2 Chronicles 9:31 The Holy Spirit choose not to record all the offenses that Solomon did against the Lord.

2 Chronicles 10-12 The Kingdom Divides:

2 Chronicles 10 Rehoboam's Reign of Folly: Rehoboam the son of Solomon took the throne of his father, but he did not love and care for the people, so the kingdom was split from North Israel and South Jerusalem.
(Made life more difficult for Israel)

**2 Chronicles 11:14-17 Jeroboam Appoints False Priests:
2 Chronicles 11:14-17**

**2 Chronicles 12:1-8 God Disciplines, and Humbles Rehoboam:
2 Chronicles 12:7-8** God allowed Egypt to enslave Judah and it humbled them superficially.

2 Chronicles 12:14 He did evil because he did not set his heart to seek the LORD. The humbling that took place was shallow at best. It was on the surface and did not last.

2 Chronicles 13-36 The Kingdom Decays:

2 Chronicles 13 Civil War of North and South: Abijah became the king of Judah. Israel had come against them with an army double their size.

2 Chronicles 13:17-18

1. Asa: 2 Chronicles 14-16

2 Chronicles 14:1-5

2 Chronicles 15:1-7 The Prophet Azariah Warns Asa:

This Word from God changed his life!

2 Chronicles 15:8-19 Asa's Reforms:

2 Chronicles 16:7-14 God's Prophet Imprisoned By King Asa:

2 Chronicles 16:7-10

2. Jehoshaphat: 2 Chronicles 17-20, 2 Chronicles 17:3-6

2 Chronicles 18 Choose Your Battles: Ahab asks Jehoshaphat to go to battle with him against Ramoth-gilead. Jehoshaphat was related to the king of Israel by marriage, we have an unholy alliance. The result is that Ahab is killed randomly in battle.

2 Chronicles 19 Jehoshaphat Rebuked, By The Prophet Jehu:

God used this rebuke because he made many more reforms and changes because of his rebuke. **The Word from God can and does change us!**

2 Chronicles 20 Jehoshaphat's Battle: Amazing that he sent a worship team ahead in battle!

2 Chronicles 22 Walking in Wickedness: 2 Chronicles 22:2-4

Ahaziah (or Jehoahaz) What a sad example his mother was. After being injured in a fall, Ahaziah sought counsel from a false god. In response, the Lord sent Elijah to tell Ahaziah that he would not recover from his injury and that he would die.

3. Joash: 2 Chronicles 23-24 2 Chronicles 24:1-2

When the priest died so did his commitment and faithfulness.

4. Uzziah: 2 Chronicles 26 2 Chronicles 26:3-5

2 Chronicles 26:16-21 Pride Is Uzziah's Undoing:

2 Chronicles 26:16-20

5. Hezekiah - 2 Chronicles 29-32 2 Chronicles 29:1-2, 5

2 Chronicles 29: 21-36 Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship:

2 Chronicles 30 Passover Reinstated: Brought them back to redemption.

2 Chronicles 31 Reforms Continues: Idols destroyed, order within the temple, the giving and function of the house of God.

2 Chronicles 32 Hezekiah Versus Sennacherib: The king of Assyria against King Hezekiah. The people wanting to get help from

Egypt, some wanted to give in, and others trust the Lord. He brings it before God. 185,000 died through one angel.

2 Chronicles 33 Manasseh Started Bad But Ended Good: He was one of the most wicked of the kings of Judah. Sacrificed children, worshiped idols. God disciplined him and he repented. The damage was done, the people still worshipped false gods.

6. Josiah: 2 Chronicles 34-35 2 Chronicles 34:1-3

He was a teen and was on fire for God. How God wants to use us no matter what age we are.

2 Chronicles 34 High Priest Discovers Lost Book of the Law:

Amazing to read how when they found the Scriptures, they were amazed, read it to Josiah and he tore his clothes. He had the Scriptures read to Israel.

2 Chronicles 35 Josiah Killed in Battle: Josiah goes and fights a battle that is not his and he is killed in battle.

2 Chronicles 36:19-21 Destruction of the Temple:

2 Chronicles 36:19-21

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 Cyrus Permits The Return of Judah To Israel:

A full circle with the starting of the building of the temple to the destruction, to a decree to rebuild it.

Application:

- 1.** The Lesson From Asa Is The Spiritual Work Is Hard But If We Will Be Faithful To God, The Lord Will Be With Us.
- 2.** Jehoshaphat Was Rebuked Through God's Messenger Which Resulted In Him Making Many More Reforms And Changes. God's Word Can And Does Change Us.
- 3.** Both Josiah And Ahab Were Both Killed In Battle. The Reason Being, They Engaged In Battles That Were Not Their Own.
- 4.** Pride Was Uzziah's Undoing. When He Became Strong, His Heart Was So Proud That He Acted Corruptly, And He Was Unfaithful To The LORD His God. Resulting In Him Being Struck With Leprosy.