



Main Point: 2 Chronicles was written 70 or so years after the people's exile at the very point they were given the green light to return home. With this in mind, this book was written to counteract the Jew's human tendency to focus unnecessary attention on the mistakes that brought them into judgment, and instead remind them of the things God desired most from His people. Though 2 Chronicles records the same period of Israel's dark history laid out in 1st & 2nd Kings, by approaching the narrative from the perspective of God this book served to highlight the good times and illustrate the core characteristics that made them possible.

Because the book opens with the building of the temple by King Solomon and closes with the Persian King Cyrus issuing a decree for the temple to be rebuilt, we conclude a central theme to 2 Chronicles is the temple and the worship of God's people. Furthermore, it's important to note, from a historical perspective, that following the division of the kingdom, God completely ignores the wicked Northern Kingdom and instead focuses his attention on the Southern Kingdom of Judah and the kings who patterned their lives after the life of King David. These 5 Godly kings would not only lead Judah into seasons of spiritual renewal and revival, but would further preserve David's lineage to the Savior, Jesus. Finally, by omitting the period of history marked by exile, God was communicating to the people His plans, though on pause for a season, had not been derailed. In 2 Chronicles we ultimately learn the two essentials when returning from God's judgment are a rediscovered "Attitude of Worship" and a fresh experience of God's "Revival and Renewal".

1. Attitude of Worship (Solomons Temple): 2 Chronicles 1-9

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| a. Wisdom & Work | 2 Chronicles 1-5 |
| b. Dedication & Revelation | 2 Chronicles 6-7 |
| c. Israel a Light Unto the World | 2 Chronicles 8-9 |

2. Revival & Renewal (5 Godly Kings): 2 Chronicles 10-36

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| a. Divide & Deliver | 2 Chronicles 10-13 |
| - Reign of Rehoboam (Kingdom Divided) | 2 Chronicles 10-12 |
| - Reign of Abijah (Judah Delivered from Israel) | 2 Chronicles 13 |
| b. 5 Godly Kings who bring Revival | 2 Chronicles 14-36 |
| - Reign of King Asa | 2 Chronicles 14-16 |
| - Reign of King Jehoshaphat | 2 Chronicles 17-20 |
| (Moral Decay of Kings Jehoram & Ahaziah) | 2 Chronicles 21-22 |
| - Reign of King Joash | 2 Chronicles 23-24 |
| (Moral Decay of Kings Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham & Ahaz) | 2 Chronicles 25-28 |
| - Reign of King Hezekiah | 2 Chronicles 29-32 |
| (Moral Decay of Kings Manasseh & Amon) | 2 Chronicles 33 |
| - Reign of King Josiah | 2 Chronicles 34-35 |
| (Fall of Judah, Years in Exile, Decree of Cyrus) | 2 Chronicles 36 |



Day 1: Expectations & Results....

2 Chronicles 7:12-22 // THINKING POINTS: (1). According to this passage what made this great temple built by Solomon set apart and holy before God? (2). What three things does God expect from His people and what are the results? (3). Interestingly enough, what isn't included in God's list of expectations concerning His people?

Day 2: Seeking Queen....

2 Chronicles 9:1-12; Matthew 12:42 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Was the Queen of Sheba honestly seeking to know God? (2). In what ways can we admire and learn from the way she handled her questions? Is it wrong to ask tough questions? (3). Why do you think this story of the Queen of Sheba was used by Jesus in Matthew 12?

Day 3: Crisis Christianity....

2 Chronicles 12:1-16 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Why did Rehoboam forsake the Law of the Lord? (2). Though he forsook the Lord when things were going well, what happened to change his perspective? (3). What does this story reveal about people who only turn to God in the crisis situation? How would you feel if a friend only called when they needed something?

Day 4: Mad at God....

2 Chronicles 16:7-14 // THINKING POINTS: (1). King Asa's sin was two-fold, what was it? (3). Instead of receiving the rebuke of God with humility and a repentant heart, what was Asa's reaction to God's Word? (3) What was the ultimate consequence to Asa's anger towards God?

Day 5: Prides Penalty....

2 Chronicles 26:1-23 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Did King Uzziah show ingenuity and promise? (2). How was pride displayed in his life and how did it lend to his destruction? (3). King Uzziah was resisted by God as a result of his pride.... why does God resist the proud?

Day 6: Old School Grace....

2 Chronicles 33:1-20; 2 Kings 21:1-18 // THINKING POINTS: (1). According to the accounts of King Manasseh in 2 Chronicles and 2 Kings, how wicked was he in comparison to Judah's other? (2). In comparing the two accounts, Kings (man's perspective) and Chronicles (God's perspective), what details are different? (3). If God's grace could be extended to Manasseh, can it be extended to you?

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