

2 CHRONICLES: A TALE OF TWO HOUSES, TEMPLE AND PALACE

Chart of 2 Chronicles

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<p>Construction of Solomon's temple (1st temple)</p> <p>BLESSING: Solomon asked for wisdom to govern and he built the temple. <i>Remember to go to God for wisdom. Remember the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Build God's house and remember that the physical building is only a shadow of God's real house which are the people he has called to himself.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Treated people harshly and did not consult the Lord, 10:1-19; 16:7-14</p> <p>Vs. God's people</p>	<p>The First Reform under Jehoshaphat</p> <p>BLESSING: He taught Judah the Law of God through the priests. <i>Remember to teach your people God's Word. Base your judgments and rule of life on the Word of God. Use the people most prepared and dedicated to that job to do it.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Intermarried with Ahab's family, and almost destroyed the royal house of Judah, 18:1; 19:1-2; 20:35-37; 21:6; 22:3-5, 9, 10</p> <p>Vs. God's kings</p>	<p>The Second Reform under Joash</p> <p>BLESSING: He collected funds to restore the house of God, the temple. <i>We should not be ashamed to tell God's people to give for the building of God's house. Paul makes a point that those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:13 and 14. 13 Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? 14 Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel. As workers are sent out to build God's house around the world they will need funds for that building. I began to give at 15 years of age as I was challenged to give to missions.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Persecuted and tried to take the ministry of the priests, destroyed the utensils, and closed the temple doors, 24:20-22; 26:16</p> <p>Vs. God's priests</p>	<p>The Third Reform under Hezekiah</p> <p>BLESSING: He re-established the priests and Levites and the service of the temple and kept the Passover. The priests had been persecuted during the former reigns. They needed to be encouraged and rebuilt. Hezekiah took the initiative to build up the priesthood once again. <i>We need to know how to build up fellow leaders who have been crushed. Years ago a fellow leader in one of the countries where we work went through a very difficult time as he led the team but I did not know how to encourage and help and build him up.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Became friendly with nations like Babylon, 32:31, and the kings who followed did worse than the nations God had driven out of the land, sinning greatly, 33:9, 23.</p> <p>Vs. God himself</p>	<p>The Fourth Reform under Josiah</p> <p>BLESSING: As he repaired the temple he rediscovered a copy of the book of the Law in the temple, which led to his making a covenant with God. It seems the Book of the Law was lost for a time to Israel and its king. The Law said the king was to make his own copy of it in order to meditate on it and keep it. In Manasseh's as well as Amon's reigns the kings went so far from God that God's book was lost to them and the nation. But when they found God's book Josiah was shocked into returning to him and obeying him. He humbled himself before the Lord.</p> <p>PROBLEM: Did not listen to God's word through Pharaoh Neco, 35:22, followed the detestable practices of the nations, defiled the house of God, 36:14, and mocked the prophets, 36:15, 16.</p> <p>Vs. God's prophets</p>	<p>The Reconstruction of the temple under Cyrus (2nd temple)</p>
<p>Solomon chps. 1-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - asks God for wisdom - the temple - preparations to build the temple 	<p>Jehoshaphat 17:1-21:3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sends magistrates to teach in Judah and they take the Book of the Law of Jehovah - intermarried with Ahab 	<p>Joash chp. 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he collected funds from God's people to build God's house - saved by Jehoiada, the high priest 	<p>Hezekiah chps. 29-32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - restored the priests and their service and purified the temple 	<p>Josiah 34:1-36:1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he made a covenant with God when the book of the Law of Jehovah was found in the temple as they repaired the temple 	<p>Cyrus, king of Persia 36:22, 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invited the Jews to return to Jerusalem and build God's house

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<p style="color: green;">- construction of temple</p> <p style="color: green;">- dedication of temple</p> <p><u>Rehoboam</u> chps. 10-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - asked men for counsel <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- the elders <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- the young men around him - did not seek God's counsel <p style="color: blue;">- Because Rehoboam forsook the Lord he sent Shishak against them and he took all the treasures of the Lord's house and the gold shields, which Rehoboam substituted with bronze shields.</p> <p><u>Abijah</u> 13:1-14:1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cried out to the Lord at the last minute, in the battle with Jeroboam, as he was being ambushed <p><u>Asa</u> 14:2-16:14</p> <p style="color: green;">- 15:18 He brought into the house of God silver and gold and utensils dedicated by his father and by himself.</p> <p style="color: blue;">- 16:2 Then Asa took silver and gold from the house of the Lord and the king's house, and sent them to Ben-hadad king in Damascus, and said,</p> <p style="color: blue;">16:3 "Let's make a treaty. I</p>	<p><u>Jehoram</u> 21:4-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - killed his brothers - killed some of the princes of Israel - followed the sins of the kings of Israel <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- because he was married to a daughter of Ahab <p><u>Ahaziah</u> 22:1-9</p> <p><u>(Athaliah)</u> 22:10-23:21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - jealous and murderous 	<p><u>Amaziah</u> chp. 25</p> <p><u>Uzziah</u> chp.26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lifted up in pride which led to downfall 26:16 - made machines of war - offered incense in the temple - became a leper - lived apart <p><u>Jotham</u> chp.27</p> <p><u>Ahaz</u> chp.28</p>	<p><u>Manasseh</u> 33:1-22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sinned greatly - taken prisoner to Babylon - repented while a prisoner - returned by the Lord to his kingdom and throne <li style="color: red;">- Then Mannaseh knew that the Lord is God. <p><u>Amon</u> 33:21-25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - committed idolatry 	<p><u>Jehoahaz</u> 36:2-4</p> <p><u>Jehoiakim</u> 36:5-8</p> <p><u>Jehoiachin</u> 36:9-10</p> <p><u>Zedekiah</u> 36:11-21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - destruction of the temple
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- severe disease in his feet but
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the physicians