

THE SECOND BOOK OF CHRONICLES

OT/NT: Old Testament

SECTION: History (9 of 12)

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: Ezra

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SUMMARY: Canonically, the Second Book of Chronicles is the fourteenth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the fourteenth book of the [Old Testament](#) (2), and the ninth of the twelve [historical books](#) (3). The book covers the time from Solomon's reign to the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian exile, paralleling many of the events of 1 and 2 Kings.

Things start out splendidly as the Israel's King Solomon firmly and establishes himself, as the Lord was with him and made him exceedingly great ([2 Chronicles 1:1](#)). So, God tells Solomon he can ask for whatever he wants and it will be granted. Solomon asks for Wisdom and Knowledge so he is righteously equipped to lead his kingdom ([2 Chronicles 7:7,10](#)). Wow! So far, so good! [2 Chronicles 2:1-7:22](#) covers the planning, construction, furnishing and dedication of the Temple. The Ark of the Covenant was brought in ([2 Chronicles 5:2-14](#)). The Temple was the greatest achievement in Solomon's 40-year rule, taking 20 years to complete ([2 Chronicles 8:1](#)). The temple was the central place of worship, symbolizing God's presence among His people ([7:12](#), [16](#); [33:7](#)). All was good. The Queen of Sheba shows up for a visit bearing gifts and is overwhelmed by Solomon's wisdom, achievements and riches ([2 Chronicles 9:1-12](#)). After reigning over Israel for forty years, Solomon dies and is succeeded by his son, Rehoboam ([2 Chronicles 9:30-31](#)). This is where the wheels come off the wagon.

Chapters 10-36 describe the events in the split of the nation of Israel. The nation split into two kingdoms: North and South. The Northern Kingdom revolted against King Rehoboam, and took a new king (Jeroboam). 2nd Chronicles focuses mainly from here, on the events of the Southern Kingdom. These include 20 kings and are a dynasty from King David. These chapters describe the events all the way up through the Northern Kingdom and its captivity to Babylon.

A REMNANT: Yet, amidst all the calamities and the destruction, there comes hope...in the final verses of the final chapter of 2 Chronicles, we read: "This is what Cyrus king of Persia says: "The Lord, the God of Heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the Earth and He has appointed me to build a temple for Him at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of His people among you may go up, and may the Lord their God be with them" ([2 Chronicles 36:22-23](#)).

THE OFFER IS STILL GOOD PRESENT DAY: "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" ([2 Chronicles 7:14](#)).

COMING UP: Next up is the Book of Ezra. Click [HERE](#) (4) to explore!

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