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2 Chronicles: A Study Outline

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Overview of 2 Chronicles

Second Chronicles takes up where 1 Chronicles leaves off and traces David's royal line from Solomon to the decree of Cyrus that let the exiles go home. MacDonald notes that Kings and Chronicles cover much the same period, but Kings gives more of the history and of Israel, while Chronicles gives the spiritual meaning and centers on Judah, the temple and the reforms of its good kings. From Solomon's temple and its dedication, the book follows Judah's kings through times of revival under Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah and Josiah and decline under others, down to the destruction of Jerusalem and seventy years of captivity. He also brings the main differences with Kings into the open, believing that none of them touches the inspiration of Scripture.

Key themes

- Seeking the Lord as the secret of blessing (2 Chronicles 26:5)
- Prayer in crisis: Solomon, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah
- Revival begins in the house of God
- The danger of unholy alliances (2 Corinthians 6:14)
- Starting well is good; finishing well is better
- God's grace to the repentant, even Manasseh
- "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established" (2 Chronicles 20:20)

Christ in 2 Chronicles. MacDonald sees the temple and the tabernacle as types of God's true dwelling place in heaven and of Christ Himself (John 1:14; John 2:19), with the gold inside picturing the glory of deity. When Athaliah tried to destroy the royal seed, God kept the promise of Genesis 3:15 by hiding Joash, preserving the line through which the Lord Jesus would come. It was to wicked Ahaz, threatened by Syria and Israel, that God in grace gave the promise of the virgin-born Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).

Read 2 Chronicles in the NET Bible: 2 Chronicles 1 · MacDonald's full commentary: 2 Chronicles in the Digest

MacDonald's Outline of 2 Chronicles

I. Kingdom of Solomon (2 Chronicles 1–9)
- A. Worship, wisdom, and wealth (2 Chronicles 1)
- B. Preparation, construction, and dedication of the temple (2 Chronicles 2–7)
- C. Splendor of the kingdom (2 Chronicles 8:1–9:28)
- D. Death of the king (2 Chronicles 9:29–31)

II. The Division of the Kingdom (2 Chronicles 10)

III. The Kingdom of Judah (2 Chronicles 11:1–36:19)
- A. Rehoboam (2 Chronicles 11–12)
- B. Abijah (2 Chronicles 13)
- C. Asa (2 Chronicles 14–16)
- D. Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 17–20)
- E. Jehoram (2 Chronicles 21)
- F. Ahaziah (2 Chronicles 22:1–9)
- G. Usurpation of Athaliah (2 Chronicles 22:10–23:21)
- H. Joash (2 Chronicles 24)

IV. Amaziah (2 Chronicles 25)
- A. Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26)
- B. Jotham (2 Chronicles 27)
- C. Ahaz (2 Chronicles 28)
- D. Hezekiah (2 Chronicles 29–32)
- E. Manasseh (2 Chronicles 33:1–20)
- F. Amon (2 Chronicles 33:21–25)
- G. Josiah (2 Chronicles 34–35)
- H. Jehoahaz (2 Chronicles 36:1–3)
- I. Jehoiakim (2 Chronicles 36:4–8)
- J. Jehoiachin (2 Chronicles 36:9–10)
- K. Zedekiah (2 Chronicles 36:11–19)

V. Babylonian Captivity (2 Chronicles 36:20–21)

VI. Decree of Cyrus (2 Chronicles 36:22–23)

1 · Solomon's Wisdom and Wealth

2 Chronicles 1

MacDonald shows Solomon worshiping at Gibeon, asking for wisdom, and receiving riches and honor as well.

I. Solomon's kingdom secured (1 Kings 1–3)

II. A thousand burnt offerings at Gibeon — 2 Chronicles 1:1–6
- A. The tabernacle and bronze altar were there

III. "Ask what I shall give thee" — 2 Chronicles 1:7–12

A. Wisdom asked; riches, wealth and honor added

IV. Chariots, horses, silver and gold — 2 Chronicles 1:13–17

A. Prosperity holding the seeds of later failure

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 3:5 1 Chronicles 22:9–10

LESSONS

- What we want in life largely determines what we get.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Accents from Abroad* (W. Ross Rainey)
- *Facts and Theories as to a Future State* (F. W. Grant)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 1 →

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2 · Preparations to Build

2 Chronicles 2

MacDonald describes Solomon's workforce and his agreement with Huram of Tyre, and resolves the number differences with Kings.

I. Workers and overseers assigned — 2 Chronicles 2:1–2

II. Solomon's letter to Huram — 2 Chronicles 2:3–10

III. Huram's answer and his skilled craftsman — 2 Chronicles 2:11–16

IV. Aliens conscripted — 2 Chronicles 2:17–18

V. Problems explained

A. The payment to Huram; Huram-abi's mother; 3600 or 3300 overseers

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 5:11 1 Kings 5:16 1 Kings 7:13–14 1 Kings 9:23 2 Chronicles 8:10

LESSONS

- Differences between parallel accounts often disappear when the details are compared carefully.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Notes on 2 Chronicles* (William Kelly)
- *Archaeology and the Bible* (Gordon Franz)
- *The Seven Churches of Asia Minor (Revelation 1–3)* (Gordon Franz)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 2 →

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3 · The Temple Built

2 Chronicles 3

MacDonald describes the temple on Mount Moriah, its golden interior, the cherubim and veil, and the two pillars.

I. Begun in Solomon's fourth year on Mount Moriah — 2 Chronicles 3:1–2

II. Dimensions and porch — 2 Chronicles 3:3–4

III. Gold within, the symbol of deity — 2 Chronicles 3:5–9

IV. The cherubim in the Most Holy Place — 2 Chronicles 3:10–13

A. Ever waiting on God

V. The veil — 2 Chronicles 3:14

VI. Jachin and Boaz — 2 Chronicles 3:15–17

VII. Problems: the porch's height; the pillars' length

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 6 Hebrews 8:5 John 1:14 John 2:19 1 Kings 7:15

LESSONS

- The temple pictures heaven, where God is worshiped day and night, and pictures Christ.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Abraham* (Dan Snaddon)
- *Jerusalem* (Gordon Franz)
- *Men of the Mountains & Valleys* (T. Ernest Wilson)

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4 · The Temple Furnishings

2 Chronicles 4

MacDonald lists the bronze furnishings outside and the gold furnishings inside, and explains the measurements of the sea.

I. Bronze: the altar, the sea on twelve oxen, the lavers — 2 Chronicles 4:1–6

II. Gold: lampstands, tables, utensils — 2 Chronicles 4:7–8

III. The courts and Huram's work — 2 Chronicles 4:9–18

IV. The golden furniture of the house — 2 Chronicles 4:19–22

V. Problems: the sea's measurements (2 Chronicles 4:2) and capacity (2 Chronicles 4:5)

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 7:23–26

LESSONS

- Even the seeming problems of Scripture yield to careful study.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 8 (Prophetic 3)* (John Nelson Darby)
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Lectures on the Tabernacle* (William J. McClure)

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5 · The Ark Brought In

2 Chronicles 5

MacDonald describes the ark set in the Most Holy Place and the glory of the Lord filling the house as the singers praised.

I. The temple finished — 2 Chronicles 5:1

II. The ark brought from Zion — 2 Chronicles 5:2–10

A. Only the tables of the law in it

III. Priests and singers as one — 2 Chronicles 5:11–13

A. "For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever"

IV. The glory fills the house — 2 Chronicles 5:14

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 8:1–11 Exodus 25:15

LESSONS

- When God's people praise Him with one voice, His glory fills the place.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Romans: Verse by Verse* (William R. Newell)
- *Everyone Has a Psalm* (R. Edward Harlow)
- *Advanced Christian Training* (Jean Gibson)

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6 · Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

2 Chronicles 6

MacDonald walks through the longest prayer in the Bible, with its petitions and its rich display of God's attributes.

I. Solomon's address to the people — 2 Chronicles 6:1–11

II. The prayer begins: God's faithfulness to David — 2 Chronicles 6:12–17

III. "Hear ... and forgive": the heart of the prayer — 2 Chronicles 6:18–21

IV. Seven occasions of prayer — 2 Chronicles 6:22–39

A. Oaths, defeat, drought, famine, the foreigner, battle, captivity

V. Three closing requests — 2 Chronicles 6:40–42

VI. God's attributes in the prayer

A. Uniqueness, love, transcendence, omnipresence, justice, forgiveness, omniscience, grace, mercy

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 8:22–53

LESSONS

- The whole prayer is summed up in three verbs: listen, hear and forgive.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Pilgrim's Progress* (John Bunyan)
- *Daniel* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Mark* (H. A. Ironside)

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7 · Fire from Heaven and God's Answer

2 Chronicles 7

MacDonald describes the fire and glory at the dedication, the great feast, and the Lord's promises and warnings to Solomon.

I. Fire falls; the glory fills the house — 2 Chronicles 7:1–3

II. Sacrifices and music — 2 Chronicles 7:4–7

III. The feast of dedication and Tabernacles — 2 Chronicles 7:8–10

IV. God appears to Solomon — 2 Chronicles 7:11–22

A. "If my people ... shall humble themselves, and pray" — 2 Chronicles 7:14

B. The temple's future conditioned on obedience — 2 Chronicles 7:19–22

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 9:1–9

LESSONS

- God's promise to heal is given to those who humble themselves, pray, seek His face and turn from evil.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 4 (Ecclesiastical 2)* (John Nelson Darby)
- *Articles by William MacDonald* (William MacDonald)
- *Current Issues* (Dan Snaddon)

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8 · Solomon's Achievements

2 Chronicles 8

MacDonald summarizes Solomon's building, labor force, worship and sea trade, and his separate house for Pharaoh's daughter.

I. Cities built and fortified — 2 Chronicles 8:1–6

II. Canaanite labor; Israelite officers — 2 Chronicles 8:7–10

III. Pharaoh's daughter moved out of David's house — 2 Chronicles 8:11

A. Yet she still drew him into idolatry (1 Kings 11:1–8)

IV. Offerings by the calendar; courses of priests — 2 Chronicles 8:12–16

V. Ships to Ophir — 2 Chronicles 8:17–18

VI. Problems: 250 or 550 officers; 450 or 420 talents

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 9:10–28 1 Kings 11:1–8

LESSONS

- Outward separation could not guard a heart already compromised.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Papers on the Pentateuch* (William Kelly)
- *Notes on 2 Chronicles* (William Kelly)

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9 · The Queen of Sheba and Solomon's Death

2 Chronicles 9

MacDonald describes the queen's visit, the splendor of Solomon's wealth, and his death after forty years.

I. The queen tests Solomon and is overwhelmed — 2 Chronicles 9:1–9

II. Almug wood and gifts — 2 Chronicles 9:10–12

III. Gold, shields and the ivory throne — 2 Chronicles 9:13–21

IV. Ships of Tarshish

V. Wealth, wisdom and horses — 2 Chronicles 9:22–28

VI. Solomon's death — 2 Chronicles 9:29–31

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 10 1 Kings 4:26

LESSONS

- She realized Solomon's prosperity came from the favor of his God.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)
- *The Continual Burnt Offering* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Notes of Lectures on the Epistle to the Hebrews* (William Lincoln)

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10 · The Kingdom Torn

2 Chronicles 10

MacDonald shows Rehoboam rejecting the elders' counsel at Shechem and the northern tribes rebelling, as Ahijah had said.

I. Rehoboam at Shechem — 2 Chronicles 10:1–5

II. The old men's counsel and the young men's — 2 Chronicles 10:6–11

III. The harsh answer and the revolt — 2 Chronicles 10:12–17

A. Fulfilling Ahijah's word (1 Kings 11:29–39)

IV. Hadoram stoned; Rehoboam flees — 2 Chronicles 10:18–19

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 11:29–39 1 Kings 12:1–19

LESSONS

- Prophecy is often fulfilled through men's passions; they think they follow their own plans, but God overrules for His word.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Rehoboam

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *I Will Build My Church* (James Gunn)

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11 · Rehoboam Strengthened

2 Chronicles 11

MacDonald describes Rehoboam heeding God's word against civil war, building defenses, and receiving the faithful who fled from Israel.

I. War forbidden through Shemaiah — 2 Chronicles 11:1–4

II. Fortified cities toward Egypt — 2 Chronicles 11:5–12

III. Priests, Levites and the faithful come to Judah — 2 Chronicles 11:13–17

A. Leaving homes and friends to worship rightly

IV. Rehoboam's family — 2 Chronicles 11:18–23

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 12

LESSONS

- It cost the faithful everything to come to Jerusalem, and they strengthened the kingdom.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Rehoboam

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Isaiah* (F. C. Jennings)
- *Articles by Archie Naismith* (Archie Naismith)

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12 · Shishak's Invasion

2 Chronicles 12

MacDonald shows Judah humbled by Egypt because Rehoboam forsook the law, and spared when the king and princes humbled themselves.

I. Rehoboam forsakes the law — 2 Chronicles 12:1

II. Shishak comes up — 2 Chronicles 12:2–4

III. Shemaiah's message; the princes humble themselves — 2 Chronicles 12:5–8

  A. A lesson in the difference between serving God and serving men

IV. Gold shields replaced with bronze — 2 Chronicles 12:9–12

V. "He prepared not his heart to seek the Lord" — 2 Chronicles 12:13–16

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 14:21–31 Psalm 27:8

LESSONS

- Bronze for gold: God's favor replaced by His judgment.
- David sought the Lord's face; Rehoboam did not.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Dr. Ironside's Bible* (H. A. Ironside)
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *The Life and Times of Samuel the Prophet* (Christopher Knapp)

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13 · Abijah Defeats Jeroboam

2 Chronicles 13

MacDonald records Abijah's speech on Mount Zemaraim and the victory God gave Judah over Jeroboam's ambush.

I. Abijah's reign begins — 2 Chronicles 13:1–2

II. His speech to Israel — 2 Chronicles 13:3–12

  A. The kingdom given to David; a counterfeit priesthood in Israel

  B. "God himself is with us for our captain"

III. The ambush and the victory — 2 Chronicles 13:13–18

  A. Judah relied on the Lord

IV. Jeroboam struck down; Abijah strengthened — 2 Chronicles 13:19–22

V. Problem: Abijah's mother

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 15:1–8 2 Chronicles 11:20

LESSONS

- It is folly to fight against God.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Articles by James Gunn* (James Gunn)

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14 · Asa's Reforms and Victory

2 Chronicles 14

MacDonald describes Asa's early reforms, the peace that followed, and his prayer and victory over the Ethiopian host.

I. Idols and altars removed — 2 Chronicles 14:1–5

II. Peace used to build and prepare — 2 Chronicles 14:6–8

III. Zerah the Ethiopian with a million men — 2 Chronicles 14:9–10

IV. Asa's prayer — 2 Chronicles 14:11

  A. "Help us, O Lord ... for we rest on thee"

V. The Ethiopians routed — 2 Chronicles 14:12–15

VI. Problem: did Asa remove the high places?

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 15:9–24 1 Kings 3:2 2 Chronicles 15:17

LESSONS

- Because he followed the Lord in peace, he knew the Lord would care for him in war.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Asa

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- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Articles by Archie Naismith* (Archie Naismith)

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15 · Azariah's Message and Asa's Covenant

2 Chronicles 15

MacDonald shows Asa responding to the prophet Azariah with deeper reform and a covenant to seek the Lord.

I. "The Lord is with you, while ye be with him" — 2 Chronicles 15:1–7

II. Asa takes courage — 2 Chronicles 15:8

III. The covenant at Jerusalem — 2 Chronicles 15:9–15

IV. Maachah removed — 2 Chronicles 15:16

V. Treasures brought into the house — 2 Chronicles 15:17–19

VI. Problem: the dates of Baasha

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Corinthians 15:58 1 Kings 15:33

LESSONS

- "Be strong ... for your work shall be rewarded."

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Asa

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Articles by Archie Naismith* (Archie Naismith)
- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Gethsemane to Galilee* (Edwin G. Spahr)

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16 · Asa's Last Years

2 Chronicles 16

MacDonald describes Asa's reliance on Syria rather than the Lord, his anger at Hanani, and his diseased feet.

I. Asa buys Ben-hadad's help — 2 Chronicles 16:1–6

II. Hanani's rebuke — 2 Chronicles 16:7–9

  A. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth" — 2 Chronicles 16:9

III. Hanani imprisoned — 2 Chronicles 16:10

IV. Diseased in his feet; he sought the physicians, not the Lord — 2 Chronicles 16:11–14

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 15:16–24

LESSONS

- The end does not justify the means in God's eyes.
- God is always looking for men through whom He can work.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Asa

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Commentary on Matthew* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Ten Years After: A Sequel to the Autobiography of George Müller* (G. Fred Bergin)

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17 · Jehoshaphat's Strength

2 Chronicles 17

MacDonald describes Jehoshaphat's early reign, his love for God's Word, and the teachers he sent through Judah.

I. He walked in David's first ways — 2 Chronicles 17:1–6

  A. His heart lifted up in the ways of the Lord

II. Teachers sent with the book of the law — 2 Chronicles 17:7–9

  A. As in — Deuteronomy 6:6

III. Fear of the Lord on the nations — 2 Chronicles 17:10–13

IV. A great army — 2 Chronicles 17:14–19

CROSS REFERENCES

Deuteronomy 6:6–9

LESSONS

- David was constantly the standard by which kings were measured.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Jehoshaphat
- *Articles by Archie Naismith* (Archie Naismith) — Naismith, "Revivals under the Good Kings of Judah: Jehoshaphat"

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- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *The Continual Burnt Offering* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Romans: Verse by Verse* (William R. Newell)

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18 · Jehoshaphat Allied with Ahab

2 Chronicles 18

MacDonald retells Micaiah's faithful word, Ahab's death at Ramoth-gilead, and Jehoshaphat's narrow escape.

I. An unholy alliance by marriage — 2 Chronicles 18:1–3

II. Four hundred prophets agree — 2 Chronicles 18:4–11

III. Micaiah: "What my God saith, that will I speak" — 2 Chronicles 18:12–13

IV. The vision and the lying spirit — 2 Chronicles 18:14–22

V. Micaiah struck and imprisoned — 2 Chronicles 18:23–27

VI. Ahab disguised and slain; Jehoshaphat delivered — 2 Chronicles 18:28–34

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Kings 22 2 Corinthians 6:14

LESSONS

- Verse 13 should be the motto of every preacher and every Christian.

RELATED READING

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby) — Darby, "Notes on 2 Chronicles 18–20"

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Isaiah* (F. C. Jennings)
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)

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19 · Jehoshaphat's Reforms

2 Chronicles 19

MacDonald describes Jehu's rebuke, Jehoshaphat's return to the people, and the judges he set in the land.

I. Jehu rebukes him for helping the ungodly — 2 Chronicles 19:1–3

II. He brings the people back to the Lord — 2 Chronicles 19:4

III. Judges in the cities — 2 Chronicles 19:5–7

A. "Take heed … for there is no iniquity with the Lord"

IV. A court in Jerusalem — 2 Chronicles 19:8–11

CROSS REFERENCES

Deuteronomy 16:18–20

LESSONS

- Concern for God's Word shows itself in teaching and in justice.

RELATED READING

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby) — Darby, "Notes on 2 Chronicles 18–20"

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- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Articles by Archie Naismith* (Archie Naismith)

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20 · Victory by Praise

2 Chronicles 20

MacDonald tells how Jehoshaphat prayed before a vast invading army and God won the battle while the singers led the way.

I. A great multitude invades — 2 Chronicles 20:1–2

II. A fast and Jehoshaphat's prayer — 2 Chronicles 20:3–13

A. "Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee" — 2 Chronicles 20:12

III. Jahaziel: "The battle is not yours, but God's" — 2 Chronicles 20:14–17

IV. Worship before the victory — 2 Chronicles 20:18–19

V. The singers lead; the enemies destroy one another — 2 Chronicles 20:20–23

VI. Three days to gather spoil; the valley of Berachah — 2 Chronicles 20:24–30

VII. Summary of Jehoshaphat's reign — 2 Chronicles 20:31–34

/III. The wrecked ships of the alliance with Ahaziah — 2 Chronicles 20:35–37

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Chronicles 6 2 Chronicles 14:11

LESSONS

- By faith the people rejoiced in their victory before it came to pass.

RELATED READING

- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby) — Darby, "Notes on 2 Chronicles 18–20"
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Jehoshaphat

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Articles by W. Ross Rainey* (W. Ross Rainey)
- *The Book of Genesis* (James Gunn)
- *The Church of God and the Apostasy* (William Lincoln)

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21 · Jehoram of Judah

2 Chronicles 21

MacDonald begins the downhill story of Judah with Jehoram, who married Ahab's daughter, murdered his brothers, and died unmourned.

I. Jehoram kills his brothers — 2 Chronicles 21:1–4

II. Walking in the ways of Ahab — 2 Chronicles 21:5–7

  A. Spared for the Davidic covenant

III. Edom and Libnah revolt — 2 Chronicles 21:8–11

IV. Elijah's letter — 2 Chronicles 21:12–15

V. Philistines and Arabs carry off his family — 2 Chronicles 21:16–17

VI. A painful death without mourning — 2 Chronicles 21:18–20

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 8:16–24 2 Kings 2:11

LESSONS

- The unholy marriage alliance infected Judah with Israel's wickedness.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Jehoram

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *From the Editor's Notebook: The Minor Prophets* (W. Ross Rainey)
- *Dr. Ironside's Bible* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Our Lord Jesus Christ, "A Plant of Renown"* (Leonard Sheldrake)

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22 · Ahaziah and Athaliah

2 Chronicles 22

MacDonald shows Ahab's house troubling Judah to the third generation, and Joash hidden from Athaliah's massacre.

I. Ahaziah counseled by his mother to do evil — 2 Chronicles 22:1–4

II. Slain by Jehu — 2 Chronicles 22:5–9

III. Athaliah destroys the royal seed — 2 Chronicles 22:10

  A. Satan's attempt to cut off the messianic line

IV. Joash hidden in the temple six years — 2 Chronicles 22:11–12

  A. God keeping — Genesis 3:15

V. Problem: Ahaziah's age

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 8:25–29 2 Kings 9:27–28 2 Kings 11:1–3 Genesis 3:15

LESSONS

- God guarantees the line through which Christ would come.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Ahaziah

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)
- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)

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23 · Joash Crowned

2 Chronicles 23

MacDonald describes Jehoiada's plan, the crowning of the boy king, Athaliah's death, and the reform that began in God's house.

I. Jehoiada's covenant with the leaders — 2 Chronicles 23:1–3

II. The guard arranged on the Sabbath — 2 Chronicles 23:4–10

III. Joash crowned and given the testimony — 2 Chronicles 23:11

A. See — Deuteronomy 17:18–20

IV. Athaliah slain at the horse gate — 2 Chronicles 23:12–15

V. The covenant and Baal's house destroyed — 2 Chronicles 23:16–17

VI. The temple service set in order — 2 Chronicles 23:18–21

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 11:4–20 Deuteronomy 17:18–20

LESSONS

- Jehoiada knew that reform must begin in the house of God.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Joash

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Mark* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Articles by G. C. Sprunt* (G. C. Sprunt)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 23 →

24 · Joash's Repair and Ruin

2 Chronicles 24

MacDonald shows the temple restored under Joash, then his turn to idolatry and murder of Zechariah after Jehoiada died.

I. The temple repaired with the chest — 2 Chronicles 24:1–14

II. Jehoiada dies and is buried among the kings — 2 Chronicles 24:15–16

III. Joash listens to idolaters — 2 Chronicles 24:17–19

IV. Zechariah stoned in the temple court — 2 Chronicles 24:20–22

V. Syria invades; Joash slain by his servants — 2 Chronicles 24:23–27

VI. Problems: the chest; the vessels; Zechariah's father (Matthew 23:35)

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 12 2 John 8 Matthew 23:35 Zechariah 1:1

LESSONS

- It is good to start well, but far more important to finish well.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Joash

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Addresses on the Gospel of Luke* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Notes on the Minor Prophets* (H. A. Ironside)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 24 →

25 · Amaziah

2 Chronicles 25

MacDonald describes Amaziah's partial obedience, his victory over Edom, his folly with Edom's gods, and his defeat by Israel.

I. Justice to his father's murderers — 2 Chronicles 25:1–4

II. Israelite mercenaries sent home — 2 Chronicles 25:5–10

A. "The Lord is able to give thee much more than this" — 2 Chronicles 25:9

III. Victory over Edom — 2 Chronicles 25:11–13

IV. Edom's gods worshiped; the prophet silenced — 2 Chronicles 25:14–16

V. War with Joash of Israel; Jerusalem plundered — 2 Chronicles 25:17–24

VI. Amaziah slain at Lachish — 2 Chronicles 25:25–28

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 14:1–20 2 Chronicles 24:20–22

LESSONS

- Gods that could not save their own people cannot save us.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Amaziah

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Isaiah* (F. C. Jennings)
- *Articles by Richard Burson* (Richard Burson)
- *Articles by Leslie S. Rainey* (Leslie S. Rainey)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 25 →

26 · Uzziah's Pride

2 Chronicles 26

MacDonald shows Uzziah blessed while he sought the Lord, then struck with leprosy when pride drove him into the priest's office.

I. "As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper" — 2 Chronicles 26:1–5

II. Victories, building, farming and an army — 2 Chronicles 26:6–15

III. Pride and the incense altar — 2 Chronicles 26:16–18

IV. Leprous to the day of his death — 2 Chronicles 26:19–21

V. Buried apart from the kings — 2 Chronicles 26:22–23

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 15:1–7

LESSONS

- Strength and success can lift the heart up to its destruction.

RELATED READING

- *Care for God's Fruit-Trees* (H. A. Ironside) — Ironside, "Uzziah, King of Judah, or the Danger of Success"
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Uzziah

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Life of Christ* (Gordon Franz)
- *Profitable Things* (Alfred P. Gibbs)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 26 →

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27 · Jotham

2 Chronicles 27

MacDonald records the peaceful reign of Jotham, who became mighty because he ordered his ways before God.

I. Right in the Lord's sight, but the people corrupt — 2 Chronicles 27:1–2

II. Building projects — 2 Chronicles 27:3–4

III. Ammon brought to tribute — 2 Chronicles 27:5

IV. "He prepared his ways before the Lord" — 2 Chronicles 27:6

V. His death — 2 Chronicles 27:7–9

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 15:32–38

LESSONS

- Jotham's strength lay in considering God in all he did.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Jotham

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 27 →

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28 · Ahaz

2 Chronicles 28

MacDonald describes the most wicked king Judah had yet known, the captives released at Oded's word, and Ahaz's turn to Assyria and Syria's gods.

I. Ahaz's idolatry and child sacrifice — 2 Chronicles 28:1–4

II. Defeat by Syria and Israel — 2 Chronicles 28:5–8

  A. The Immanuel promise given in this crisis (Isaiah 7:14)

III. Oded and the release of the captives — 2 Chronicles 28:9–15

IV. Ahaz hires Assyria — 2 Chronicles 28:16–21

V. More sin in distress; the temple shut — 2 Chronicles 28:22–25

VI. His death — 2 Chronicles 28:26–27

VII. Problems: Ahaz's age; his burial

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 16 Isaiah 7 1 Kings 11:7

LESSONS

- The alliance with Assyria was costly; the alliance with Syria's idols was fatal.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Ahaz

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Messianic Passages* (Gordon Franz)
- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)
- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 28 →

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29 · Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple

2 Chronicles 29

MacDonald shows Hezekiah beginning his reign by opening and cleansing the temple and restoring its worship.

I. The doors opened and repaired — 2 Chronicles 29:1–3

II. The priests and Levites charged — 2 Chronicles 29:4–11

III. Sixteen days of cleansing — 2 Chronicles 29:12–19

IV. Sin offerings and burnt offerings — 2 Chronicles 29:20–24

V. Worship with David's instruments — 2 Chronicles 29:25–30

VI. Freewill offerings and great joy — 2 Chronicles 29:31–36

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 18 Isaiah 36–39

LESSONS

- Hezekiah began with the religious leaders: get right with God first.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Hezekiah

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *An Exposition of Isaiah* (William Kelly)
- *Everyone Has a Psalm* (R. Edward Harlow)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 29 →

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30 · Hezekiah's Passover

2 Chronicles 30

MacDonald describes the great Passover to which Hezekiah invited all Israel, the remnant who came, and the joy in Jerusalem.

I. The Passover in the second month — 2 Chronicles 30:1–5

A. As allowed by — Numbers 9

II. Couriers through Israel; mockery and a remnant — 2 Chronicles 30:6–12

III. The city cleansed of idols — 2 Chronicles 30:13–15

IV. Hezekiah's prayer for the unclean — 2 Chronicles 30:16–20

V. Fourteen days of feasting and joy — 2 Chronicles 30:21–27

CROSS REFERENCES

Numbers 9 2 Chronicles 8:13

LESSONS

- The Lord looks on the heart that seeks Him, even where ceremony falls short.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)
- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 30 →

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31 · Tithes and Offerings

2 Chronicles 31

MacDonald shows idols destroyed throughout the land and the people's abundant giving for the priests and Levites.

I. Idols destroyed in Judah and Israel — 2 Chronicles 31:1

II. Priests and Levites assigned — 2 Chronicles 31:2

III. Tithes brought in heaps — 2 Chronicles 31:3–10

IV. Storerooms and overseers — 2 Chronicles 31:11–19

V. "With all his heart … and prospered" — 2 Chronicles 31:20–21

LESSONS

- The New Testament teaches systematic, proportionate giving.
- Whatever Hezekiah did for God he did with all his heart, and he prospered.

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Papers on Christian Living* (William Kelly)
- *Poems by Ernest B. Sprunt* (Ernest B. Sprunt)
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)

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32 · Sennacherib, Sickness and Pride

2 Chronicles 32

MacDonald describes Hezekiah's defense and prayer against Sennacherib, his recovery, his pride, and his tunnel.

I. Sennacherib invades — 2 Chronicles 32:1

II. Water cut off, walls rebuilt, the people encouraged — 2 Chronicles 32:2–8

A. "There be more with us than with him"

III. Sennacherib's taunts — 2 Chronicles 32:9–19

IV. Prayer and deliverance — 2 Chronicles 32:20–23

V. Sickness and pride; then humility — 2 Chronicles 32:24–26

VI. Riches and the tunnel — 2 Chronicles 32:27–30

VII. The Babylonian envoys: God testing his heart — 2 Chronicles 32:31

VIII. His death — 2 Chronicles 32:32–33

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 18–20 Isaiah 36–39

LESSONS

- In the hour of crisis, even after weakness, faith and courage can be renewed.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Hezekiah

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Psalms of the Sons of Korah* (Gordon Franz)
- *An Exposition of Isaiah* (William Kelly)
- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 32 →

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33 · Manasseh's Repentance; Amon

2 Chronicles 33

MacDonald covers Manasseh's great wickedness, his captivity and conversion, and Amon's brief evil reign.

I. Manasseh's abominations — 2 Chronicles 33:1–10

II. Taken to Babylon in chains — 2 Chronicles 33:11

III. He humbles himself and knows the Lord is God — 2 Chronicles 33:12–13

IV. Reforms after his return — 2 Chronicles 33:14–17

V. His death — 2 Chronicles 33:18–20

VI. Amon slain — 2 Chronicles 33:21–25

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 21 Hebrews 11:37

LESSONS

- Only Chronicles records Manasseh's repentance, a striking proof of the Lord's grace.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Manasseh
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Amon

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Archaeology and the Bible* (Gordon Franz)
- *Current Messages* (Dan Snaddon)
- *Coming World Crises* (James Gunn)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 33 →

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34 · Josiah and the Book of the Law

2 Chronicles 34

MacDonald describes Josiah's early seeking of God, his purge of idolatry, the finding of the law, and the covenant renewed.

I. He began to seek God while young — 2 Chronicles 34:1–3

II. Idolatry destroyed in Judah and Israel — 2 Chronicles 34:3–7

III. The temple repaired — 2 Chronicles 34:8–13

IV. The book of the law found — 2 Chronicles 34:14–18

V. Huldah's answer — 2 Chronicles 34:19–28

VI. The covenant renewed — 2 Chronicles 34:29–33

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 22 2 Kings 23:4–20

LESSONS

- Even knowing judgment was coming, Josiah led the people to repent and obey.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Josiah
- *Miscellaneous Writings, Volume 4* (C. H. Mackintosh) — Mackintosh, "The Life and Times of Josiah"

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *The Book of Ezra* (Dan Snaddon)
- *The Gospel of Luke* (Dan Snaddon)
- *Jeremiah and Lamentations* (H. A. Ironside)

Read MacDonald on Chapter 34 →

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35 · Josiah's Passover and Death

2 Chronicles 35

MacDonald describes the greatest Passover since Samuel and Josiah's death after he would not heed God's word through Necho.

I. The ark returned; the Levites ready — 2 Chronicles 35:1–6

II. Josiah's gifts for the Passover — 2 Chronicles 35:7–9

III. The Passover kept by the word of the Lord — 2 Chronicles 35:10–19

IV. Necho's warning ignored — 2 Chronicles 35:20–22

V. Josiah wounded at Megiddo, dies in Jerusalem — 2 Chronicles 35:23–24

VI. Jeremiah's lament — 2 Chronicles 35:25–27

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 23:21–30 Jeremiah 22:16 Jeremiah 25:8–11

LESSONS

- Josiah was a man of one Book who sought the Lord early and obeyed the light he received.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Josiah

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Through the Scriptures: Sunday School Lesson Outlines* (Alfred P. Gibbs)
- *Proverbs* (H. A. Ironside)
- *Jeremiah and Lamentations* (H. A. Ironside)

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36 · The Last Kings and the Captivity

2 Chronicles 36

MacDonald traces Judah's last four kings, the destruction of Jerusalem, the seventy years, and Cyrus's decree.

I. The captivity in stages: 605, 597, 586 BC

II. Jehoahaz deposed by Egypt — 2 Chronicles 36:1–4

III. Jehoiakim bound by Nebuchadnezzar — 2 Chronicles 36:5–8

IV. Jehoiachin taken to Babylon — 2 Chronicles 36:9–10

V. Zedekiah's rebellion — 2 Chronicles 36:11–13

VI. God's compassion spurned — 2 Chronicles 36:14–16

A. "Till there was no remedy"

VII. Jerusalem and the temple destroyed — 2 Chronicles 36:17–20

VIII. The land keeps its Sabbaths seventy years — 2 Chronicles 36:21

IX. The decree of Cyrus — 2 Chronicles 36:22–23

CROSS REFERENCES

2 Kings 23:31–34 2 Kings 24:1 2 Kings 25:1–10 2 Kings 25:27–30 Jeremiah 22:19 Jeremiah 36:30

LESSONS

- God sent His messengers persistently because He had compassion on His people.

RELATED READING

- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp) — Knapp on Zedekiah

ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LIBRARY

- *Daniel in the Critics' Den* (Sir Robert Anderson)
- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 5 (Prophetic 2)* (John Nelson Darby)
- *Confirming Accuracy* (Jean Gibson)

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Further reading on 2 Chronicles

In the Faithful Men Library

- *Notes on 2 Chronicles* (William Kelly)
- *The Kings of Judah and Israel* (Christopher Knapp)
- *Synopsis of the Books of the Bible, Volume 1: Genesis to 2 Chronicles* (John Nelson Darby)
- *The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby, Volume 30 (Expository 2)* (John Nelson Darby)
- *Articles by Archie Naismith* (Archie Naismith)
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- "Uzziah" (Christopher Knapp, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "Hezekiah" (Christopher Knapp, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "Manasseh" (Christopher Knapp, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "Josiah" (Christopher Knapp, plymouthbrethren.org)
- "The Life and Times of Josiah" (C. H. Mackintosh, plymouthbrethren.org)

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