

1-9 Solomon's Reign

# 2 CHRONICLES

HISTORY

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### Overview

2 Chronicles records the history of the Southern Kingdom of Judah. It covers from the reign of Solomon to the conclusion of the Babylonian exile. The Northern Kingdom is not mentioned as they worshiped false gods and refused to acknowledge the Temple in Jerusalem. The book ends with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.

The writer desires the reader to evaluate each generation of the past to discern why each were blessed for obedience or punished for wickedness. The book was written to encourage the returning exiles. The material selected was chosen to show God's continual grace even during times of Judgment. The theme of God returning the exiles back to the land as He promised should not be missed. The Jewish traditions and laws, known as the Mishnah, included the Chronicles to be read by the High Priest the night before Yom Kippur with the purpose of keeping him awake. Clearly the ancient Rabbis found these readings stimulating and exciting. The message is one of hope,

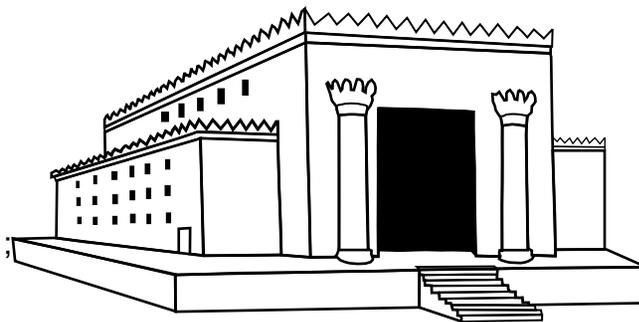
David and Solomon because it is through David that God's Kingdom will be realized (2Ch. 20:20, 22).

Like 1 Chronicles, it is written from the viewpoint of a priest. He wrote emphasizing the spiritual perspective. The book is more about teaching Godly principles than historical facts.

The Lord's mercy is declared in the last verses of the book (1Ch.36:22). Cyprus, the King of Persia said that the remnant of Israel will return to Jerusalem, "that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished".

### The Temple

Solomon's Temple lasted for 410 years. The Temple was destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon in 586BC.



### 2 Chronicles 7:14 Application

Recurring theme in its context: The Temple. As a rule, "a text without a context is a pretext." This passage is in response to

Solomon's prayer during the dedication of the Temple (2Ch.6). Solomon prayed that God would honor prayers of His people

**"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:14**

ASSUMPTIONS	"My people"	"Called by my name"	"I... will heal their land"
	Americans. Were we not a Christian nation?	Christians. Are we not called by Christ's name?	America. God will heal our country.

toward "this place" (used 13 times in this prayer). God's response to Solomon used "this place" (referring to the Temple) 6 more times. The nation of Israel had a covenant (special) relationship with God. Israel was to be a theocracy. So 2 Chronicles 7:14 was for Israel a promise of punishment for disobedience and restoration for obedience. The requirements and promises here apply to the covenant people of Israel, not modern nations. God will in the future restore the literal nation of Israel to whom this promise was made.

**CHRIST IN 2 CHRONICLES**

- The throne of David has been destroyed, but the line of David remains in Christ.
- The Temple prefigures Christ (see Mt. 12:6; Jn.2:19). In the future Christ replaces the Temple (Re.21:22).