
Joash, repaired the temple with great fervor. (2 Chron. 24)

2 Chronicles 24:2 Joash did what was right in the eyes of the LORD all the years of Jehoiada the priest.

2 Chronicles 24:18 They abandoned the temple of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and worshiped Asherah poles and idols. Because of their guilt, God's anger came upon Judah and Jerusalem.

Hezekiah's determination to live holy in the temple (Chap's 29-31)

2 Chronicles 29:3 In the first month of ...his reign, he opened the doors of the temple of the LORD and repaired them.

⁶ Our fathers were unfaithful; they did evil in the eyes of the LORD our God and forsook him. They turned their faces away from the LORD's dwelling place and turned their backs on him.

2 Chronicles 30:7 Do not be like your fathers and brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he made them an object of horror, as you see.

⁸ Do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; submit to the LORD. Come to the sanctuary, which he has consecrated forever. Serve the LORD your God, so that his fierce anger will turn away from you.

⁹ If you return to the LORD, then your brothers and your children will be shown compassion by their captors and will come back to this land, for the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to him."

2 Chronicles 31:21 In everything he undertook in the service of the temple of God, and in obedience to the law and the commands, seeking his God, he worked with all his heart and prospered.

Josiah, led the people in the greatest Passover (34-35)

2 Chronicles 34:21 "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

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What Should I Learn from 2 Chronicles?

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- If God were to fix all you see that is wrong and painful without first destroying evil, no one would get to heaven. No one would want to.

In His plan He must do whatever is necessary to destroy the evil within us, where the desire for the good life is greater than our desire for Him. He must replace that idolatrous desire with the holy desire to know Him _____ even in the midst of our worst pain.

For reasons we have no capacity to understand, He must allow suffering that serves no _____ purpose.

- No matter how confusing your suffering, live in the mystery of God's love. Do not live with the priority of making your life in this world as good as you can make it. You will suffer but you will be given what you need to enter _____ and _____ with supernatural love into every circumstance you face. Doing so will be your joy, your hope, and your deepest fulfillment now as you look forward to a world where every bit of suffering will be over.

The Temple

(2 Chron. 1-9) 40 years (971 B.C. to 931 B.C.)

2 Chronicles 7:1 When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

² The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it.

³ When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their

faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

2 Chronicles 7:14 ... 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

The Kings of Judah

Almost 400 years (931 B.C. to 538 B.C.) Ch's 10-36

1. Solomon's Failing. (singular)

2 Chronicles 8:11 Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter up from the City of David to the palace he had built for her, for he said, "My wife must not live in the palace of David king of Israel, because the places the ark of the LORD has entered are holy."

1 Kings 11:7 On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molech the detestable god of the Ammonites.

⁸ *He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods.*

If even in small ways you live to 'fix your life,' to arrange for your own pleasure in ways that violate holiness, your love for a better life now will eventually corrupt your love for Him.

2. Northern Kingdom: not worth a mention

3. Southern Kingdom: 5 Kings of Judah worth mentioning

Asa: went to great lengths to erase false worship. (2 Chron. 14-16)

2 Chronicles 15:6 One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress. ⁷ "But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."

2 Chronicles 16:7 "Because you relied on the king of Aram and not on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from your hand. ⁸ Were not the Cushites and Libyans a mighty army with great numbers of chariots and horsemen? Yet when you relied on the LORD, he delivered them into your hand."

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war."

Jehoshaphat in a time of crisis led in temple worship (Ch. 20)

2 Chronicles 20:17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you."

2 Chronicles 20:22 As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir... ²³ The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. ²⁴ When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped.
