

2 Chronicles.

The history of Judah as related here is on the whole a dark picture of instability and apostasy, interspersed with periods of religious reformation. There are five periods of reformation as described under King Asa; under King Jehoshaphat, under the priest, Jehoiada and King Joash, under King Hezekiah and under King Josiah.

The spiritual message of 2 Chronicles is that the power of **Prayer** will give success and victory and the spiritual lessons are the preeminence of wisdom; the glory of the Lord; and the spirit of **Praise** renders God's people invincible.

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Read the chapter. Solomon, the son of David, was strengthened in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. Solomon spoke to all Israel, his captains of thousands, and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers.

At Gibeon they went to the tabernacle that David set up that Moses had brought from the wilderness. But the Ark of the Covenant was in Jerusalem in a tent. The brazen altar that Bezaleel (Uri/Hur) had made was put before the tabernacle in Gibeon and Solomon offered a thousand burnt **offerings** upon it.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

As soon as Solomon did that, God appeared unto Solomon and said to him, *Ask what I shall give you. And Solomon said unto God, You have showed great mercy unto David my father, and have made me to reign in his stead. Now, O Lord God, let Your promise unto David my father be established: for You have made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this Your people, that is so great?*

And God said to Solomon, Because this was in thine heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, or honour, neither yet have asked long life; but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, that you may judge my people, over whom I have made you king: Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto you; and I will give you riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before you, neither shall there any after you have the like.

Then Solomon came back to Jerusalem: he gathered 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen which he placed in chariot cities and with himself in Jerusalem. He made silver and gold in Jerusalem; cedar trees; horses out of Egypt; linen yarn; out of Egypt chariots for 600 shekels of silver, and horses for 150 shekels of silver and horses of the kings of the Hittites and of the kings of Syria.

2 Chronicles 2.

Read the chapter. Solomon is determined to build the Temple of the Lord and a house for his kingdom. He sent to Hiram the king of Tyre for cedars.

Behold I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel. And the house which I build is great: for great is our God

above all gods. But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him? Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide. Send me also cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and behold, my servants shall be with your servants, Even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great. And, behold, I will give to your servants, the hewers that cut timber, 20,000 measures of beaten wheat, and 20,000 measures of barley, and 20,000 baths of wine, and 20,000 baths of oil. 2 Chronicles 4-10

Huram wrote back to Solomon to agree with him to do that which Solomon had purposed.

2 Chronicles 3.

Read the chapter. Solomon begins to build the house on Mount Moriah; it's measurements; the porch; he built the most holy house—and it's measurements; all the gold, nails, ornaments, the two cherubims built with wings stretched over the Mercy Seat; it's measurements. He made the vail of blue, purple, crimson and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon. He made pillars; chains on the pillars and an hundred pomegranates, and put them on chains. He put them in front and called them Jachin and Boaz.

2 Chronicles 4.

Read the chapter. He made an altar of brass (**Type: Jesus is the judge and brass is judgment**). He made a molten sea for the priests to wash in with it's measurements with oxen under it (**Type: Jesus as a servant—ox head in Ezekiel's vision is as a servant**). He made ten lavers; ten candlesticks of gold; ten tables; 100 basons of gold.

The court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, he made, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. Huram also made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons as well as all that was necessary for Solomon.

2 Chronicles 5.

Read the chapter. It was all finished and with what David had stored and dedicated, he put in the treasures of the House of God. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, heads of tribes, chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. They all came for a feast and the Levites took up the ark and brought it and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels, that were in the tabernacle.

Solomon and all the elders sacrificed sheep and oxen which were too numerous to number. The Levites placed the Ark under the two cherubims (**Type: Jesus had an angels at this feet and an angel at his head, when He was resurrected in the tomb; which has put the MERCY seat as JESUS!**)
Praise the Lord!

In the Ark was the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. (**Type: the Law was written on the hearts of the New Creatures in Christ when Jesus was resurrected and the sin was annihilated, with Satan, paralyzed.**)

Then the Choir (all the sanctified Levites, no longer needing to wait in line) came out of the Holy Place arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and

with them 120 priests sounding with trumpets: and it came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising the thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For He is good; for His mercy endures forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

2 Chronicles 6.

Read the chapter. 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 house. The priests could not enter the house because of that glory. Then all of Israel bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement and worshipped, and praised the Lord, saying *For He is good; for His mercy endures forever. Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord.*

Listen to this: 21,000 oxen; 120,000 sheep; (**Type: the blood shed for the sins of the people for one year--but Jesus died and shed His blood, once and for all for eternity**). The priests officiated; the Levites played their instruments of music and praised the Lord and the priests sounded trumpets and all Israel stood.

Solomon dedicated and hallowed the middle of the court as there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings because the brasen altar which Solomon made was not able to receive it. How would you like to outgrow your church building the first day? They kept the feast seven days; on the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. On the 23rd day he sent the people away with thanksgiving and gladness and merry in heart for the goodness of the Lord.

Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him

*I have heard your prayer, and I have chosen this place to Myself for an house of sacrifice.
If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land,
or if I send pestilence among my 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.
Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.*

*For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there forever:
and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.
And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked,
and do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall observe my statutes and my judgments;
Then will I establish the throne of your kingdom,
according as I have covenanted with David your father, saying,
There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.
But, if you turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments,
which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;
Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them;
and this house, which I have sanctified for my name,
will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.
And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passes by it;*

so that he shall say, Why has the Lord done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore has He brought all this evil upon them.

2 Chronicles 8.

Read the chapter. Solomon's building continued at the end of twenty years wherein he built the house of the Lord and his own house. His friend Huran had restored to Solomon cities and Solomon continued building. He did not, however, exact taxes from the Israelites but he did from the people that were left behind after war.

He built a house for his bride out of Egypt (the daughter of Pharaoh). He continued to offer sacrifices to the Lord and the feasts three times a year according to Moses' commandments and he continued to appoint priests and Levites as was necessary as David had set up. So the house of the Lord was perfected. His friend Huran sent him by the hand of his servants ships, and sailors who went with Solomon to Ophir and took 450 talents of gold and brought them to King Solomon.