

2 CHRONICLES 7-18

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. The Bible reading plan for Week 27, Year 2: 2 Chr 7-18*
- b. The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 7. Why were Solomon and all the people gathered at the new temple in vv. 1-10?

What remarkable events happened after Solomon finished praying in the new temple, in v. 1?

Why couldn't the priests enter the temple in verse two?

How did all the people respond when they saw what was happening in the temple, according to v. 3? What did the people say as they were worshiping the Lord?

What did the people and Solomon give to the Lord as an act of worship, in v. 4?

What kind of sacrifice did Solomon offer to the Lord in verse five?

What role did the priests and Levites play in the worship in verse six?

What did Solomon do when he consecrated the middle part of the courtyard of the temple, in verse seven?

For how many days did the Israelites observe the festival? See 2 Chr 7:8.

How many total days did the Israelites celebrate and dedicate, in vv. 8-9?

What attitude did the people return home with in verse ten?

To what extent had Solomon accomplished his goals in verse eleven?

What memorable experience in Solomon's life does 2 Chr 7:11-22 describe?

What did the Lord tell Solomon about the effectiveness of his prayers and the building of the temple, in v. 12?

What did God promise to do when the people pray in verse fourteen?

What promises did God make regarding the prayers said from the temple, according to 2 Chr 7:15-16?

What promise did the Lord make to Solomon if he was faithful and devoted to the Lord? See 2 Chr 7:17-18.

What promise did the Lord make to Solomon if he turned away from God's commands? See 2 Chr 7:19-22.

What would happen to the fabulous temple Solomon had built and dedicated to the Lord if he began to worship and serve other gods? See 2 Chr 7:20-22.

Why would God bring disaster on Solomon and Israel in verse twenty-two? What lessons do you learn?

2. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 8. How many years did it take Solomon to complete the temple and his own palace, in v. 1?

What kind of success did Solomon have as king of Israel in 2 Chr 8:1-18?

What did Solomon do with the villages that Hiram had given to him, in v. 2?

Besides rebuilding the villages that Hiram gave him, what building projects did Solomon undertake? See 2 Chr 8:3-6.

What groups of people did Solomon conscript into a slave labor force? See 2 Chr 8:7-9.

What did Solomon do for his wife in v. 11? Why did Solomon not want her living in David's palace where the ark of the Lord was kept?

What was Solomon's habit in regard to sacrifices and offerings to the Lord? See 2 Chr 8:12-13.

In what ways did Solomon continue the routines that his father had started? See 2 Chr 8:14-15.

What did Hiram's ships obtain for Solomon in these verses of this book? See 2 Chr 8:17-18.

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

3. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 9. Why did the queen of Sheba visit Solomon in verse one?

What famous queen's visit to Solomon is recorded in 2 Chr 9:1-12?

What did Solomon do that was so impressive to the queen of Sheba in vv. 2-8?

How did the queen of Sheba's real-life impression of Solomon match up to what she had heard about him? See 2 Chr 9:5-6.

What did the queen of Sheba give to Solomon in verse nine?

How much did Solomon give to the queen of Sheba in verse twelve?

How much gold did Solomon receive each year in vv. 13-14?

What did Solomon do with the gold he received in tribute in vv. 15-16?

What expensive decorations did Solomon make for his palace in vv. 17-20?

What exotic items did Solomon's trading ships bring back to him, according to v. 21?

How rich was Solomon and the nation of Israel in vv. 22-28?

How long was Solomon king of Israel in verse thirty?

When Solomon died, who succeeded him in verse thirty-one?
What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

4. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 10. Who succeeded Solomon as king in verse one? What happened to the kingdom that David and Solomon had developed and ruled?

What rival leader returned from Egypt after Solomon died in verse two?

What request did Jeroboam make to Rehoboam in verse four?

What conflicting advice did Rehoboam get when he sought counsel in making his response to Jeroboam's request, in vv. 6-11?

Whose advice did Rehoboam follow when answering the people of Israel, in vv. 12-15?

How did the people of Israel react to Rehoboam's promise of harsher treatment, in vv. 16-19?

What caused Rehoboam to change his mind about going to war against Israel? See 2 Chr 10:1-4.

What did Rehoboam do to build defenses for his kingdom? See 2 Chr 10:5-12.

Why did the priests and Levites of Israel leave their homes in Israel and move to Jerusalem? See 2 Chr 10:13-17.

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

5. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 11. How many warriors did Rehoboam gather at the house of Judah and Benjamin to fight against Israel, in v. 1?

What did the Lord God say to Shemaiah and who was he to speak to about these instructions in verse three?

How would you summarize the reign of Rehoboam as king? See 2 Chr 11:18-12:16.

How many wives did Rehoboam have in v. 21? Which wife did Rehoboam love more than the rest?

Which of his sons did Rehoboam designate as chief prince and his eventual successor, in v. 22?

What lessons do you learn in this chapter?

6. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 12. At the height of his success, what did Rehoboam and all of Judah do that brought disaster to the nation, in v. 1?

Why did Shishak, the king of Egypt, attack Judah in verse two?

What did the prophet Shemaiah come and say to Rehoboam in verse five?

What was the response of Israel's leaders to the prophet Shemaiah's words, in v. 6?

What did the Lord do when the leaders humbled themselves in verse seven?

What lesson did the Lord want to teach Israel by making them subject to their enemies, in v. 8?

What did Shishak take from the temple and the royal palace in verse nine?

What changed when Rehoboam humbled himself in verse twelve?

How long did Rehoboam reign as king, according to v. 13?

Why did Rehoboam do evil in verse fourteen? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

7. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 13. What event during the reign of Abijah does 2 Chr 13:1-20 recount?

Who did Abijah go to war against in verse two?

What was the difference in size between the armies of Judah and Israel, in v. 3?

What did Abijah shout to Jeroboam's troops to convince them they would not win? See 2 Chr 13:4-12.

Why was God on the side of David's descendants in verse five?

Who influenced Jeroboam to lead a second rebellion against Solomon's son after the rebellion against Solomon had failed? See 2 Chr 13:6-7.

What idols had Jeroboam substituted for the worship of the true God, in v. 8?

How had Jeroboam treated the priests and Levites, in v. 9? What lower standards had Jeroboam instituted by which a man could become a priest?

What was the difference between the worship practices of Jeroboam's priests and the sons of Aaron? See 2 Chr 13:10-11.

What was Jeroboam's battle strategy in verse thirteen?

What turned the battle in the favor of Abijah's army in vv. 14-18?

After the battle, what happened to Jeroboam in verse twenty? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

8. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 14. What happened to Abijah, after the battle in verse one?

What were some of the successes of Asa's reign as king in 2 Chr 14:2-15?

What did Asa do that was right in God's sight in vv. 2-6?

What elements of pagan worship did Asa eliminate from Judah in vv. 3-5?

What were King Asa's commands to the people of Judah in verse four?

What did Asa do during the years of peace to strengthen Judah, in vv. 6-7?

What did God do for Judah when the people sought God in verse seven?

How big was Asa's army in verse eight of this book in verse eight?

What did Asa pray and say to God before his army went into battle, in v. 11? How did Asa see the significance of Judah's battle against the Cushites?

What was the result of Asa's battle with the Cushites in vv. 12-15? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

9. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 15. Who came to Asa to bring him a word from the Lord in vv. 1-2?

What did the prophet say to Asa about God's relationship to him and his nation, in vv. 2-7?

What was it like in Israel when they did not worship the true God, in vv. 3-6?

What was the source of the people's distress in verse six?

What statement of encouragement did the prophet give to Asa, according to v. 7?

What kind of action did the statement of encouragement enable Asa to take, in v. 8?

Why did Asa gather all the people in Jerusalem in vv. 9-15?

What was the covenant into which Asa and all the people entered, in vv. 12-15?

What happened to the people who would not agree to the covenant, in v. 13?

What happened to the people when they sought the Lord, in v. 15?

What did Asa do to his grandmother in verse sixteen?

What did Asa bring back into the temple in verse eighteen?

How long did Judah have peace under king Asa in verse nineteen? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

10. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 16. Who was threatening Asa and the nation of Judah in verse one?

What portion of Asa's reign as king does this passage covers in vv. 1-14?

Who did Asa seek help from in vv. 2-3?

What did Asa receive for his payment of silver and gold to Ben-Hadad in vv. 4-6?

Who was Hanani in verse seven? What message did Hanani deliver to Asa in vv. 7-9?

What is the Lord constantly looking for in verse nine? What consequences would Asa and his people suffer for not trusting the Lord?

What was Asa's response to Hanani's message in verse ten?

How was Asa's response to his foot disease consistent with his approach to other problems in his life, in v. 12?

At what point in his reign did Asa die in v. 13? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

11. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 17. What did Jehoshaphat do to strengthen Judah against Israel in vv. 1-2?

What kind of a spiritual influence was Jehoshaphat on Judah during the early days of his reign? See 2 Chr 17:1-19.

What faithful king did Jehoshaphat compare in his youth to, according to v. 3?

Why was the Lord with Jehoshaphat in vv. 3-4?

How did the people respond to Jehoshaphat's leadership in verse five?

What did Jehoshaphat do to uproot the false gods in v. 6?

What did Jehoshaphat do to educate the whole nation to know the Law of the Lord, according to vv. 7-9?

What did the surrounding nations think of Judah during this period of time, in v. 10?

What nations brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, in v. 11?

What fortifications and armed forces did Jehoshaphat develop in vv. 12-19? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

12. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 18. By what means had Jehoshaphat allied himself with Ahab, king of Israel, according to verse one?

How did Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab bring about a prophetic confrontation about Ahab's death? See 2 Chr 18:1-27.

What military campaign did Ahab want Jehoshaphat to undertake with him? See 2 Chr 18:2-3.

What was Jehoshaphat's response to Ahab's request in vv. 3-4?

Whom did Ahab bring in to ask God's guidance in v. 5?

Why did Jehoshaphat want to consult another prophet of the Lord, in v. 6?

Why didn't Ahab want to hear from Micaiah in verse seven?

What did Ahab's prophets predict would happen in the battle, in vv. 9-11?

What was Micaiah's prophesy from the Lord about the outcome of the battle, according to vv. 14-22?

What did Micaiah prophesy about how the Lord and the angels were planning to bring down Ahab, in vv. 18-21?

What did Micaiah prophesy would happen to Ahab in verse nineteen?

How did Ahab respond to Micaiah and his prophesy in vv. 23-26?

By what means did Micaiah say that his prophesy could be judged as being from God, in v. 27?

Who was the king of Israel with whom Jehoshaphat king of Judah went into battle, in v. 28?

What was the king of Israel's plan to avoid being killed in the battle, in v. 29?

What did the king of Aram direct his charioteers to do with regard to the king of Israel, in v. 30?

What did the charioteers do when they saw Jehoshaphat in verse thirty-one?

How did Jehoshaphat avoid being killed by the charioteers, in vv. 31-32?

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By what means was the king of Israel fatally wounded in vv. 33-34? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

2 CHRONICLES 19-30

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- a. *The Bible reading plan for Week 28, Year 2: 2 Chr 19-30*
- b. *The following questions may be used for personal reflection or cell group discussion. You do not need to attempt all questions at cell meetings.*

1. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 19. With what question was Jehoshaphat greeted by Jehu the seer when he returned safely to the palace in Jerusalem, in v. 2?

Why was the wrath of God upon Jehoshaphat in verse two?

What good did Jehu commend Jehoshaphat for in verse three?

Why did Jehoshaphat venture out among the people throughout the land, in verse four?

What appointments did Jehoshaphat make in vv. 4-8?

By what standards were the judges to make their verdicts in v. 6?

What instructions did Jehoshaphat give to the judges in vv. 6-7?

Who was appointed in Jerusalem to administer the law and settle disputes, in v. 8?

What warning was to be given to everyone who came before the judges, in v. 10?

What was the job of Amariah, the chief priest in verse eleven?

What was the job of Zebadiah, the leader of the tribe of Judah, in

v. 11? How did Jehoshaphat admonish all of the leaders to act?

What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

2. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 20. Who attacked Judah and plunged her into war in verse one?

How did Jehoshaphat prepare the people when he heard of the potential attack, in v. 3?

Of what did Jehoshaphat remind the Lord when he prayed in vv. 6-9?

What did Jehoshaphat pray before the gathering of the people in vv. 6-12?

What appeal did Jehoshaphat make to the Lord in vv. 10-12?

What happened to Jahaziel while they stood before the Lord in vv. 13-14?

What instructions from the Lord did Jahaziel give the people in vv. 15-17?

How did Jehoshaphat and the people respond after they heard the Lord's instructions, in vv. 18-19?

What were Jehoshaphat's words of encouragement to the people the morning after the Lord gave them instructions, in v. 20?

What did the people sing as they marched out to battle in v. 21?

What happened as the people sang and praised the Lord in v. 22?

How were the enemies of Israel killed in vv. 23-24?

What did Jehoshaphat and the people do when they saw the

dead bodies of the enemy soldiers, in vv. 25-26?

What was the attitude of God's people when they returned to Jerusalem, in vv. 27-28?

How did the surrounding nations react when they heard the outcome of the battle, in vv. 29-30?

How long was Jehoshaphat king of Judah in v. 31?

What transition of leadership does this passage describe in v. 31?

What was the spiritual legacy of Jehoshaphat's life in v. 32?

Despite Jehoshaphat's good example, how did evil continue to survive in the land, in v. 33?

What unwise alliance did Jehoshaphat make in vv. 35-36?

Who prophesied against Jehoshaphat's alliance in v. 37? What happened to the ships Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah built? What lessons do you learn in this chapter?

3. Read Second Chronicles Chapter 21. Who succeeded Jehoshaphat as king in verse one?

How many brothers did Jehoram have in verse two?

Why did Jehoshaphat give gifts to all of Jehoram's brothers in verse three?

What did Jehoram do to his brothers when he became king in verse four?

How long was Jehoram's reign as king in verse five?

What kings was Jehoram compared to in verse six? Who was

Jehoram married to? What did the Lord think of Jehoram's reign as king?

Why didn't the Lord destroy Judah when it was under the rule of Jehoram, in v. 7?

What two cities rebelled against Judah and Jehoram in vv. 8-11?

What words of prophecy and judgment did Elijah deliver to Jehoram, in vv. 12-15?

Why did the Philistines attack Jehoram in verse sixteen?

What was the result of the Philistine attack in verse seventeen?

How did Jehoram die in vv. 18-19?

How was Jehoram's body treated after he died in verse twenty?
What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

4. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 22. Who was Jehoram's youngest son in verse one? Why was the youngest son selected to succeed the king?

How old was Ahaziah when he became king in verse two? How many years did Ahaziah reign as king?

Whose ways did Ahaziah follow as king in verse three?

Who were the evil influences on Ahaziah in vv. 3-4? What effect did Ahaziah's parents have on him?

With whom did Ahaziah align himself when he went to war in verse five?

What event brought Ahaziah's downfall as king in vv. 6-9?

Whom did the Lord anoint to destroy the house of Ahab in v. 7?

What did Jehu do to Ahaziah when he found him in verse nine?

What relationship did Athaliah have with Ahaziah in verse ten?

What did Athaliah do when she heard that Ahaziah was dead in vv. 10-12?

Who was Jehosheba's husband, and what was his job in v. 11?

How did Jehosheba save Ahaziah's baby son from being killed, in vv. 11-12? How many years was the child Joash hidden while Athaliah ruled the land?

Where did Jehoiada and Jehosheba hide the baby, Joash in v. 12? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

5. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 23. When did Jehoiada make his move to oppose Athaliah in verse one?

What preparations did Jehoiada make with the Levites in vv. 1-10?

How was the new king Joash presented to the people in v. 11?

What was the reaction of Athaliah when she saw the new king being honored by the people, in vv. 12-13?

What did the guards do to Athaliah in vv. 14-15?

What covenant did Jehoiada, the people, and the king make, in v. 16?

What happened to the false gods and idols in v. 17?

To whom did Jehoiada give the oversight of the temple in v. 18?

What was the reaction of the people to the installation of the boy king, in vv. 20-21

6. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 24. How old was Joash when he became king in verse one?

Who were Joash's spiritual mentor and guide in vv. 2-3?

Who had the idea to restore the temple of God in verse four?

How did Joash go about gathering the money and building materials for the temple restoration, in vv. 5-6?

What delayed the temple restoration project in verse six?

What had happened to the previous furnishings of the temple in v. 7?

How did the people respond when given the command and the opportunity to give toward the restoration of the temple, in vv. 8-10?

For what purposes were the gifts used in refurbishing the temple, in vv. 11-14?

What happened every day while Jehoiada was living in v. 14?

What was the legacy of Jehoiada's life as a priest in vv. 14-16?

What caused Joash to stray away from God in vv. 17-18?

How did the people respond to God's efforts to remind them of the truth, in v. 19?

Who did God use as a prophet to confront Joash with his sin in v. 20? Who was Zechariah's father?

What did Joash do to Zechariah in vv. 21-22?

What had Joash forgotten about Zechariah's father in v. 22?

What did Zechariah say as he lay dying in v. 22?

How did God punish Judah for their evil actions in vv. 23-24?

How did Joash die in verse twenty-five?

Who were the conspirators who killed Joash after he was wounded in battle, in v. 26? What lessons do you learn?

7. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 25. Who succeeded Joash as king in v. 1?

How devoted to the Lord was Amaziah in verse two?

What did Amaziah do to avenge the death of his father, in v. 3?

What did the Law of Moses command about punishing sons or fathers for each others' sins, in v. 4?

Who did Ahaziah hire to serve in his army in v. 6?

What warning did the man of God give to Ahaziah about blending his army with the men from Israel, in vv. 7-8?

What did Ahaziah do about the men he had hired for his army in vv. 9-10?

How did Ahaziah's smaller army fare in their battle against the men of Seir, in vv. 11-12?

How did Ahaziah stray from the Lord upon returning home victorious from battle, in vv. 14-15?

How did Ahaziah respond when he was confronted by the prophet, in v. 16?

How did Jehoash trick Ahaziah into meeting him in battle in vv. 17-21?

What role did God play in Jehoash's defeat of Ahaziah in v. 20?

What was the outcome of the direct confrontation between the armies of Judah and Israel, in vv. 21-22?

What damage did Jehoash do to Jerusalem and the temple vv. 23-24?

How did Ahaziah finish out his life in vv. 25-28?

8. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 26. Who succeeded Ahaziah as king in vv. 1-4?

What was the spiritual reputation of Uzziah in v. 5? Who was Uzziah's spiritual mentor and instructor?

What success did Uzziah have in establishing his kingdom in vv. 6-8?

What building projects did Uzziah undertake in vv. 9-10?

What were the numbers and capabilities of Uzziah's army in vv. 11-15?

What led to Uzziah's downfall in verse sixteen of this book in v. 16?

What did Uzziah do in the temple that displeased the Lord in vv. 16-18?

What happened to Uzziah when he became angry at the priests for rebuking him, in v. 19?

How did having leprosy change Uzziah's life in v. 21?

Where else in the Bible is the story of Uzziah told in v. 22?
What lessons do you learn?

9. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 27. Who succeeded Uzziah as king

in v. 1? How old was Jotham when he became king? How long did Jotham reign?

What way was Jotham like his father in verse two? In what significant way did Jotham's actions differ from his father's? What were the religious practices of the people during Jotham's reign?

What building projects did Jotham undertake in vv. 3-4?

What nation did Jotham conquer in verse five?

Why did Jotham grow powerful in verse six?

Who succeeded Jotham as king of Judah in verse nine?

10. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 28. What religious atmosphere marked the reign of Ahaz in vv. 1-4? What type of evil practices and idol worship were instituted by Ahaz in these verses?

What evil practice regarding children did Ahaz practice and promote, in v. 3?

How did God punish Ahaz in vv. 5-8?

What cruel acts did the armies of Israel commit against the leaders and people of Judah, in vv. 6-8?

What did the prophet, Oded, say to armies returning to Samaria, in vv. 9-11?

Why would it be wrong for Israel to take the people of Judah into captivity, in vv. 10-11?

Who stepped forward to urge the army of Israel to do the right thing in vv. 12-13?

What did the soldiers do with their prisoners in vv. 14-15?

From whom did Ahaz seek help in verse sixteen?

What problems was Ahaz having because of his unfaithfulness to the Lord, in vv. 17-18?

What humiliation did Ahaz face because of his stubborn disobedience, in vv. 19-20?

What "solutions" did Ahaz seek to his problems with his enemies, in vv. 21-23?

Why did Ahaz worship Aram's gods in v. 23?

What did Ahaz do to the temple and its furnishings in v. 24?

What did Ahaz do to spread the false religions in v. 25?

What honor traditionally given to kings was denied to Ahaz in v. 28? What lessons do you learn from this chapter?

11. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 29. What major changes did Hezekiah make when he became king in vv. 1-36?

What was Hezekiah's relationship with the Lord in v. 2?

What did Hezekiah have to do to restore the temple in vv. 3-5; 15-17?

What did Hezekiah instruct the priests and Levites to do in v. 5?

What had the previous generation done to the temple that displeased the Lord, in vv. 6-7?

How did God punish the people for their disobedience in vv. 8-9?

In what mission did Hezekiah encourage the priests and Levites to join him, in vv. 10-11?

What did the priests and Levites do to purify and consecrate the temple, in vv. 15-19?

What type of sacrifices did Hezekiah and the priests make to the Lord, in vv. 20-24?

Why was the blood of the goats presented on the altar in v. 24?

What did the people do as the burnt offering was being sacrificed to the Lord, in vv. 27-28?

What did Hezekiah and all the people do after the offerings were finished, in vv. 29-30?

What were the three types of offerings the people brought to the Lord, in v. 31?

How numerous were the offerings the people brought to, in vv. 32-35?

To whom did Hezekiah give credit for the rapid restoration of the temple worship according to God's commands, in v. 36?

12. Read 2 Chronicles Chapter 30. Who did Hezekiah send invitations to come to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration to, in verse one?

What special celebration did Hezekiah reinstitute in vv. 1-3?

Why hadn't the Passover been celebrated at the traditional time of year, in v. 3?

What reasons did Hezekiah give in his letter for why people should come to the temple in a spirit of repentance, in vv. 6-9?

How were the couriers bearing the invitation received by the people in vv. 10-12?

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What did the crowd of people do to the altars of false gods when they gathered in Jerusalem, in vv. 13-14?

What did the priests and Levites do with the blood of the Passover lamb in vv. 15-17?

Why did Hezekiah pray to the Lord on behalf of the people of Manasseh, Ephraim, Issachar, and Zebulun, in v. 38?

What attitude in the people did Hezekiah ask the Lord to accept in spite of their ceremonial cleanliness, in v. 39?

How did the Lord respond to Hezekiah's prayer in v. 20?

How did the Levites perform as they reinstated the Passover celebration, in v. 22?

What was the attitude of the people as the Passover celebration ended, in vv. 25-26?

**How did God respond to the prayers of the priests in v. 27?
What lessons do you learn from this chapter?**