

OUTLINE OF 2 CHRONICLES

1A THE REIGN OF KING SOLOMON chap 1-9

1B The wealth and wisdom of Solomon chap 1

2B The building of Solomon's Temple chap 2-4

3B The dedication of Solomon's Temple chap 5-7

4B The prosperity and fame of Solomon chap 8-9

Note: Solomon's career is centered around the temple. This was his chief contribution to the spiritual life of Israel. His practice of idolatry in his later life is not mentioned.

2A THE HISTORY OF THE KINGS OF JUDAH chap 10-36

Note: The kings of Israel, the Northern Kingdom, are either ignored or dealt with only as necessary to explain events in Judah, the Southern Kingdom. This is because the Northern Kingdom has no part in the return to the land and no part in the rebuilding of the Temple.

The emphasis in these chapters is on the revivals under Asa (14-16), Jehoshaphat (17-20), Joash (23-24), Hezekiah (29-32), and Josiah (34-35), all of whom rebuilt, restored, or strengthened the temple and its worship.

1B The secession of the ten tribes chap 10

2B Rehoboam's reign chap 11-12

3B Abijah's reign chap 13

4B Asa's reign chap 14-16

5B Jehoshaphat's reign chap 17-20

6B Jehoram's reign chap 21

7B Ahaziah's and Athaliah's reign chap 22

8B Joash's reign chap 23-24

9B Amaziah's reign chap 25

10B Uzziah's reign chap 26

11B Jotham's reign chap 27

12B Ahaz's reign chap 28

13B Hezekiah's reign chap 29-32

14B Manasseh's and Amon's reign chap 33

15B Josiah's reign chap 34-35

16B Jehoahaz's, Jehoiakim's, Jehoiachin's, and Zedekiah's reign chap 36:1-13

17B The concluding indictment of Judah chap 36:14-21

18B Seventy years later, the command to return to the land chap 36:22-23

THEME: The centrality of the Temple in Israel's spiritual life, and her departure from worshiping God at that Temple.

Key verse: 2Chr 7:14 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.