

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 20: The Chronicles

Remember Acts 17:11

Outline of the Historical Books (Pre-Exile):

Joshua:	The Conquest of the Land
Judges:	The Generation After Joshua
Ruth:	A Story of Love & Grace
I Samuel:	The Rise of the Monarchy
II Samuel:	The Reign of David
I Kings:	Solomon & A Divided Kingdom
II Kings:	The Prophets & the Downfall
I Chronicles:	The Rise & Career of King David
II Chronicles:	The Legacy of the Kingdoms

The Last King of Judah (II Kgs. 24-25; II Chr. 36):

- Jehoiachin Deposed by Nebuchadnezzar
 - o Taken Prisoner to Babylon
- Zedekiah Installed as King (Babylonian Vassal)
- Zedekiah (Mattanyahu) Son of Josiah (597-586BC)
 - o Took the Throne at Age 21
 - o Formed a Military Alliance with Pharaoh Hophra of Egypt & Revolted
 - o Denied the Council of Jeremiah
 - o Nebuchadnezzar Again Laid Siege to Jerusalem
 - o Zedekiah Attempts an Escape & was Captured
 - o Nebuchadnezzar Puts Zedekiah's Sons to Death then Blinds Him (Jer. 32:4; 34:1-3; 39; Ezk. 12:13)
 - o Jerusalem is Plundered & Destroyed
 - o Inhabitants are Chained & Exiled
 - o A Small Number of Gardeners (Poor) Remained (Jer. 52)

Aftermath (II Kgs. 25:22-30):

- Judah Absorbed as a Territory of the Neo-Babylonian Empire (Yehud Province)
- Mizpah Named Provincial Capital (II Kgs. 25:22-24; Jer. 40:6-8)
- King Jeconiah Released from Prison After 37 Years
 - o Descendants Cursed by Jeremiah (Jer. 22:28-30)
 - o Granted a Place at the Court of Babylon
 - o Ate at the King's Table (II Kgs. 25:27-30)

Genealogies of the Kings & Priests (Ch. 1-9):

- Domestic (Establishes Social Status)
- Legal/Political (Tribe/Land Inheritance Claims)
- Religious (Ch.6: Aaronic Priesthood)

The Career of King David (I Chr. 10-29):

- Reorganization from Confederation to Federation
- Establishment of Jerusalem as a Religious Center
- Unauthorized Census & Punishment (Ch. 21)
- Preparation/Organization of the Priesthood

The Career of King Solomon (II Ch. 1-9):

- Solomon's Request for Wisdom (Ch. 1)
- The Temple & Its Furnishings (2-5)
- The Dedication of the Temple (6-7)
 - o National Summary (7:12-22)
- Solomon's Influence & The Queen of Sheba (8)
- Solomon's Summary, Death, & Civil War (9)

The Kings of Judah (Ch. 10-36f):

- Kings of Note & Messianic Foreshadowing
 - o Asa (Ch. 13)
 - o Jehoshaphat (17)
 - o Joash (24)
 - o Uzziah (26)
 - o Manasseh* (33:10-20)
 - o Hezekiah (29)
 - o Josiah (34)

The Epilogue of Judah (II Chr. 36:14-21):

- Context of Judgement Against King Zedekiah
 - o Hardened Hearts Against the God of Israel
 - o Unfaithfulness Multiplied
 - o Defilement of the Temple
 - o The Warnings Against the Prophets Rejected
 - o The Faithful were Persecuted
 - o The Sabbath of the Land was Observed Through the Exile (70 Years)
