

2 CHRONICLES: A TALE OF TWO HOUSES, TEMPLE AND PALACE

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This chart is a work in progress. But as we study the table we begin to see the flow of spiritual history throughout this period. The major themes include God's kings and God's temple, whether represented by the physical building or the people of God. As the king treated the temple so went his reign and kingdom. The upper part of the table indicates the two constructions and the four reforms and the kings connected to each. Listed are the blessings that the building or reforming kings, brought to God's house and to the spiritual life of Israel. But in each case the king planted a seed of evil, which created a problem.

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<p>Construction of Solomon's temple (1st temple)</p> <p><i>BLESSING: Solomon asked for wisdom to govern and he built the temple. Remember to go to God for wisdom. Remember the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Build God's house and remember that the physical building was only a shadow of God's real house on earth, which are the people he has called to himself.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Treated the people harshly and did not consult the Lord, 10:1-19; 16:7-14</p> <p>Vs. God's people</p>	<p>The First Reform under Jehoshaphat</p> <p><i>BLESSING: He taught Judah the Law of God through the priests. Remember to teach your people God's Word. Base your judgments and rule of life on the Word of God. Use the people most prepared and dedicated to that job to do it.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Intermarried with Ahab's family, and almost destroyed the royal house of Judah, 18:1; 19:1-2; 20:35-37; 21:6; 22:3-5, 9-10</p> <p>Vs. God's kings</p>	<p>The Second Reform under Joash</p> <p><i>BLESSING: He collected funds to restore the house of God, the temple. We should not be ashamed to tell God's people to give for the building of God's house. 1 Corinthians 9:13 and 14. 13 Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? 14 Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel (ASV).</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Persecuted and tried to take the ministry of the priests, destroyed the holy utensils, and closed the temple doors, 24:20-22; 26:16</p> <p>Vs. God's priests</p>	<p>The Third Reform under Hezekiah</p> <p><i>BLESSING: He re-established the priests and Levites and the service of the temple and kept the Passover. The priests had been persecuted during the former reigns. They needed to be encouraged and rebuilt. Hezekiah took the initiative to build up the priesthood once again. We need to know how to build up fellow leaders who have been crushed.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Became friendly with nations like Babylon, 32:31, and did worse than the nations God had driven out of the land, sinning greatly, 33:9, 23.</p> <p>Vs. God himself</p>	<p>The Fourth Reform under Josiah</p> <p><i>BLESSING: As he repaired the temple he rediscovered a copy of the book of the Law in the temple, which led to his making a covenant with God. It seems the Book of the Law was lost for a time to Israel and its king. But when they found God's book Josiah was shocked into returning to him and obeying him. He humbled himself before the Lord. If we as a leader have wandered far from the Lord, when we rediscover his Word let us respond in humility and return to him.</i></p> <p>PROBLEM: Did not listen to God's word through Pharaoh Neco, 35:22, followed the detestable practices of the nations, defiled the house of God, 36:14, and mocked the prophets, 36:15, 16.</p> <p>Vs. God's prophets</p>	<p>The Reconstruction of the Temple under Cyrus (2nd Temple)</p>
<p>Solomon chapters 1-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asked God for wisdom - The temple <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- Preparations to build the temple <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- Construction of temple 	<p>Jehoshaphat 17:1-21:3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He sent magistrates to teach in Judah and they took the Book of the Law of Jehovah - But he intermarried with Ahab 	<p>Joash chapter 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He collected funds from God's people to build God's house - Saved by Jehoiada, the high priest 	<p>Hezekiah chapters 29-32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restored the priests and their service and purified the temple 	<p>Josiah 34:1-36:1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He made a covenant with God when the book of the Law of Jehovah was found in the temple as they repaired the temple 	<p>Cyrus, king of Persia 36:22, 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cyrus invited the Jews to return to Jerusalem and build God's house

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- Dedication of temple

Rehoboam chapters 10-12

- Asked men for counsel ,the elders, the young men around him, but did not seek God's counsel

- Because Rehoboam forsook the Lord he sent Shishak against them and he took all the treasures of the Lord's house and the gold shields, which Rehoboam substituted with bronze shields

Abijah 13:1-14:1

- He cried out to the Lord in the battle with Jeroboam, as he was being ambushed, and God saved him

Asa 14:2-16:14

- 15:18 He brought into the house of God silver and gold and utensils dedicated by his father and by himself

- 16:2 Then Asa took silver and gold from the house of the Lord and the king's house, and sent them to Ben-hadad king in Damascus, and said, 16:3 "Let's make a treaty. I have sent you silver and gold; break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel so that he will leave me alone."

- He fell ill with a severe disease in his feet but did not seek the Lord, only the physicians, and died of the disease

Jehoram 21:4-20

- Killed his brothers
- Killed some of the princes of Israel
- Followed the sins of the kings of Israel
- Because he was married to a daughter of Ahab

Ahaziah 22:1-9

(Athaliah) 22:10-23:21

- She was not a legitimate heir of David
- She was the queen mother an idolatrous, jealous and murderous person

Amaziah chapter 25

Uzziah chapter 26

- Lifted up in pride which led to downfall 26:16
- Made machines of war
- Offered incense in the temple
- Became a leper
- Lived apart

Jotham chapter 27

Ahaz chapter 28

Manasseh 33:1-22

- He sinned greatly
- He was taken as a prisoner to Babylon
- He repented while a prisoner
- He was returned by the Lord to his kingdom and throne
- Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God.

Amon 33:21-25

- He committed idolatry

Jehoahaz 36:2-4

Jehoiakim 36:5-8 (Eliakim)

- He was the brother of Jehoahaz

Jehoiachin 36:9-10

- He was the son of Jehoiakim

Zedekiah 36:11-21

- He was the uncle of Jehoiachin
- Under him came the destruction of the temple