

II CHRONICLES

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #14



AUTHOR: UNKNOWN
though the scribe Ezra has been cited as a possible candidate.



WRITTEN: AROUND 340 BC

Covering the time period of 975 BC through 525 BC

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Old Testament: 39 Books

New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: Contains the history of King Solomon finishing the temple.

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- Solomon prays to God for wisdom instead of long life, power, or money, so he is given all.
- The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon.
- King Cyrus of Persia rebuilds the temple after releasing Israel from the Great Exile to Babylon.

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. **2 Chronicles 7:14**

God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, I therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have." **2 Chronicles 1:11-12**

Important Points about the Book:

- 2 Chronicles starts with the famous story of Solomon asking for wisdom. It continues with information and stories about Solomon building the Temple through Chapter 8.
- The Queen of Sheba visits Solomon in Chapter 9.
- 2 Chronicles covers the reigns of all the kings of Israel and Judah after the split of the united kingdom of Kings Saul, David, and Solomon.
- Like the Kings, this book gives little snippets about each king and notes whether they grieved or pleased the Lord. (Only a handful, all from Judah, pleased the Lord.)
- The closing chapter, 36, summarizes the 70 years of captivity in the Great Exile and also summarizes Cyrus, King of Persia, releasing the Jews to go home and his funding of the rebuilding of the Temple.