

The Book of 2 Chronicles

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we commence our study of the book of **2 Chronicles**, a narrative that flows on like a “next exciting installment” from **1 Chronicles**.

Like **Kings** before it, **Chronicles** traces the royal succession right up to the time of the fall of Jerusalem, the destruction of the First Temple, and the exile of Judah into Babylon. But unlike **Kings**, **Chronicles** focuses solely on David's line, and thus on Judah and Jerusalem.

The narrative of **2 Chronicles** can be divided into 17 main sections:

- The reign of Solomon and the construction of the Temple (**1:1-9:31**)
- The reign of Rehoboam and Israel's split into two kingdoms (**10:1-12:16**)
- The reign of Abijah (**13:1-14:1**)
- The reign and reforms of Asa (**14:2-16:14**)
- The reign of Jehoshaphat (**17:1-21:3**)
- The short reign of Jehoram (**21:4-20**)
- The even shorter reign of Ahaziah (**22:1-9**)
- The reign, reforms and eventual wickedness of Joash (**22:10-24:27**)
- The reign of Amaziah (**25:1-28**)
- The reign of Uzziah (**26:1-23**)
- The reign of Jotham (**27:1-9**)
- The reign of Ahaz (**28:1-27**)
- The reign and reforms of Hezekiah (**29:1-32:33**)
- The reign of Manasseh (**33:1-20**)
- The short reign of Amon (**33:21-25**)
- The reign and reforms of Josiah (**34:1-35:27**)
- Judah's last four wicked kings and the fall of Jerusalem (**36:1-23**)

Let's start by reading the first third of **2 Chronicles** – **chapters 1-9** – which cover the reign of Solomon and the construction of the First Temple.

Memory Verse

And we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him, who have
been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!