

## 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 conclude our study of **2 Chronicles**, this time reading **chapters 21-36**. This section chronicles the reigns of the following fifteen kings of Judah:

- ☞ Jehoram (**21:4-20**) – *breaker of the covenant*
- ☞ Ahaziah (**22:1-9**) – *breaker of the covenant*
- ☞ Joash (**22:10-27**) – **keeper of the covenant** (but later turned to evil)
- ☞ Amaziah (**25:1-28**) – **keeper of the covenant** (but not wholeheartedly)
- ☞ Uzziah (**26:1-23**) – **keeper of the covenant** (but violated the Temple)
- ☞ Jotham (**27:1-9**) – **keeper of the covenant** (but didn't reform the people)
- ☞ Ahaz (**28:1-27**) – *breaker of the covenant*
- ☞ Hezekiah (**29:1-32:33**) – **keeper of the covenant** (but acted unwisely)
- ☞ Manasseh (**33:1-20**) – *breaker of the covenant*
- ☞ Amon (**33:21-25**) – *breaker of the covenant*
- ☞ Josiah (**34:1-35:27**) – **keeper of the covenant**
- ☞ Jehoahaz (**36:1-3**) – status unknown (he reigned only three months)
- ☞ Jehoiakim (**36:4-8**) – *breaker of the covenant*
- ☞ Jehoiachin (**36:9-10**) – *breaker of the covenant*
- ☞ Zedekiah (**36:11-14**) – *breaker of the covenant*

You will note that even among those kings that are called “good” in **Chronicles** (remembering that “good” means that they were faithful to the Covenant of Sinai), only Hezekiah and Josiah kept God's covenant wholeheartedly.

The last few verses of **2 Chronicles – 36:15-21** – conclude the story of the kings of Judah. This passage contains the sobering record of the fall of Jerusalem, but ends with the hope of the rebuilding of the temple. In this way, the end of **2 Chronicles** merges with the beginning of the next book, **Ezra**.

Let's now pull up a comfortable chair and read the final section of **2 Chronicles – chapters 21-36**.

# Memory Verse

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ  
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

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!