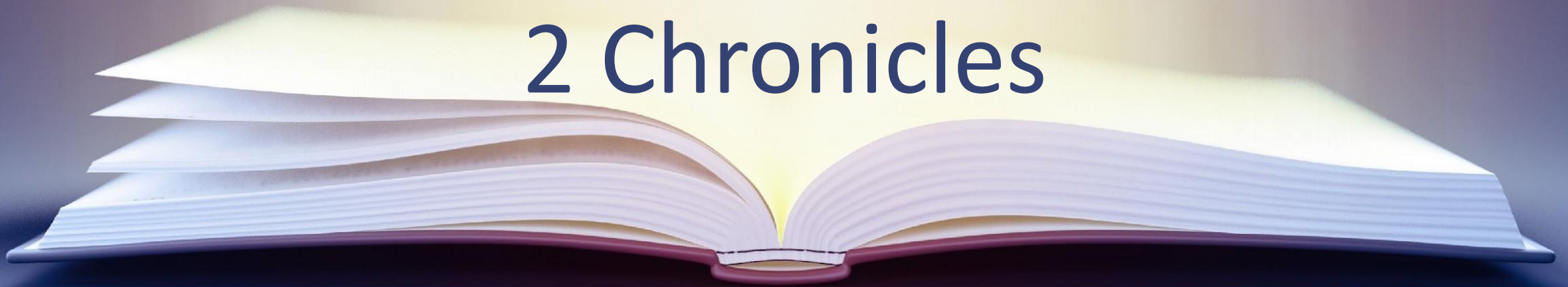


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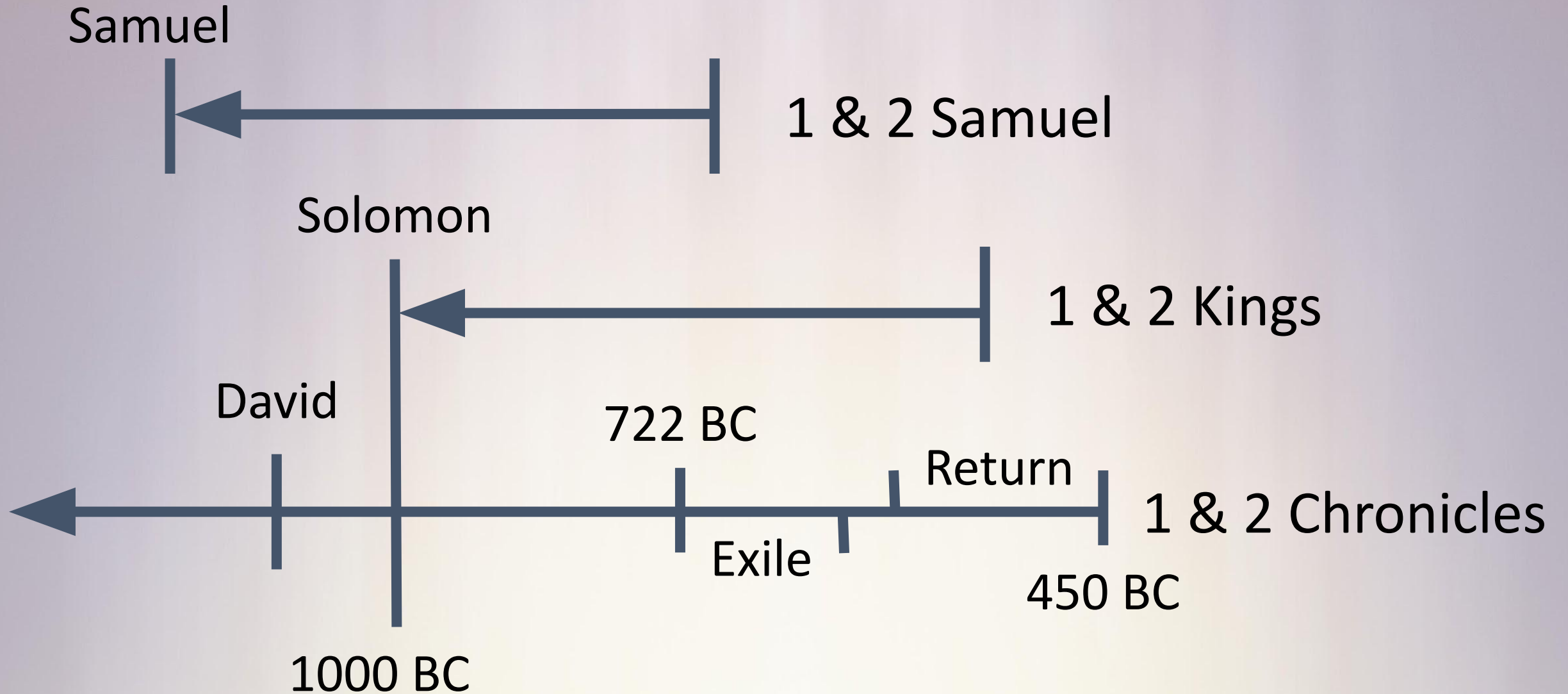
A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW

2 Chronicles



Overlap of Historical Books



Looking back to find a successful future.

- Acknowledges past failures and successes
- Remind them of their spiritual heritage and identity
 - temple worship
 - ministry of priesthood
 - God's law
- Encourage them to remain/commit to be covenant people

First Segment of Second Chronicles

- Reign of Solomon
 - Inauguration of Solomon
 - Completion of Temple
 - Glory of Solomon's Reign
- 40 years

Second Segment of Second Chronicles

- Reigns of the Kings of Judah
 - Division of the Kingdom
 - Reforms of Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, and Josiah
 - Fall of Judah
- 393 years

Line Continues...

“...Your promise to my father David is fulfilled, for You have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. **Give me now wisdom and knowledge**, that I may go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this great people of Yours.”

2 Chronicles 1:9-10

Line continues...

“...Because you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth or honor, or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life.....wisdom and knowledge have been granted to you. And I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the Kings before....or after you....”

2 Chronicles 1:11-12

Worship continues...

“...The house which I am about to build will be great, for greater is our God than all the gods. But who is able to build a house for Him, for the heavens and the highest heavens cannot contain Him? So who am I to build a house for Him, except to burn incense before Him?”

2 Chronicles 2:5-6

Worship continues...

“Now send me a skilled man to work in gold, silver, brass and iron, and in purple, crimson and violet fabrics and who knows how to make engravings, to work with the skilled men whom I have in Judah and Jerusalem...”

2 Chronicles 2:7

Worship continues...

“...I am sending Hiram-abi, a skilled man, endowed with understanding,”

2 Chronicles 2:13

Worship continues...

“...They brought up the ark and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils which were in the tent; the Levitical priests brought them up. And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel...were sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted...”

2 Chronicles 5:5-6

Worship continues...

“..he made the cast metal sea, ten cubits from brim to brim, circular in form, and its' height was five cubits and its circumference thirty cubits...”

2 Chronicles 4:2

God's Renown continues...

“...Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. The priests could not enter into the house of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house...”

2 Chronicles 7:1-2

God's Renown continues...

“...All the sons of Israel, seeing the fire came down and the glory of the Lord upon the house bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave praise to the Lord, saying “Truly He is good, truly His lovingkindness is everlasting.” ...”

2 Chronicles 7:3

God's Renown continues...

“...Blessed be the Lord your God who delighted in you, setting you on His throne as king for the Lord your God; because your God loved Israel establishing them forever, therefore He made you king over them, to do justice and righteousness...”

2 Chronicles 9:8

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Man's Selfish Nature also Continues

- Rehoboam's Selfish Choice
 - Old and Experience Vs. Young and Ignorant
 - Kingdom Focused Vs. Self-interested
- Jeroboam's Selfish Choice
 - Establishment of High Places and Golden Calves
 - Trusting God's Promise Vs. His Own Wisdom

Breaks of Sunlight in the Storm of Idolatry and Sin

- Asa
 - Avoided and Destroyed
 - Embraced and Built
 - Trusted God

“Asa did good and right in the sight of the Lord his God, for he removed the foreign altars and high places, tore down the sacred pillars, cut down the Asherim,...”

2 Chronicles 14:2-5

“...AND commanded Judah to seek the Lord God of their fathers and to observe the law and the commandment...”

2 Chronicles 14:2-5

“...Let us build these citiesThe land is still ours because we have sought the Lord our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side....”

2 Chronicles 14:6-7

“...Lord, there is no one besides You to help in the battle between the powerful and those who have no strength; so help us, O Lord our God, for we trusted in You....”

2 Chronicles 14:8-13

Breaks of Sunlight in the Storm of Idolatry and Sin

- Jehoshaphat
 - Avoided and Destroyed
 - Embraced and Built
 - Sent officials, Levites, and Priest to teach among the people (17:6-9)
 - ‘Dread of the Lord was on all the kingdoms of the lands which were around Judah’ (17:10)

Breaks of Sunlight in the Storm of Idolatry and Sin

- Joash
 - Under the influence of Priest Jehoiada restores the house of the Lord from disrepair and neglect. 24:4
 - Soon 'they offered burnt offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Jehoiada' 24:14

Breaks of Sunlight in the Storm of Idolatry and Sin

- Hezekiah and Josiah
 - Both reinstated neglected practices of temple worship in their days.
 - Hezekiah also sought to bring back his “lost kin”

Storm of Consequences rain on Judah

- With Josiah's death, more evil kings and the Exile to Babylon follow.
 - 2 Chronicles 34:28, 36:1-19
- The book ends with the seventy years of exile having been completed and the new beginning about to commence.
 - 2 Chronicles 36: 20-23

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- Historical Context
 - Cultural attitudes of Jesus' day, relevance to His teachings, and how they were received.

What value does this book have for us?

- Character of Man
 - Pride, Carelessness, occasionally humble.
 - All of the reformers we covered had 'issues'.
- ‘...there is no man who doesn't sin.’

2 Chronicles 6:36

What value does this book have for us?

- Illustration of the Purpose of Temple Worship
 - Man is sinful and needs a perfect sacrifice.
 - God preserved/restored the temple until Jesus would fulfill the law.

Scarlet Thread

The time had yet not come for Jesus to come in the flesh to fulfill that role and so temple worship had to be preserved until the time was right.

When He did come He said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.' Matthew 5:17