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## *Christ in Every Chapter*

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## II Chronicles 1- 18

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### CHAPTER 1

Verse 1: Again we see that Solomon was “strengthened” and “magnified” in his kingdom, pointing to Christ who will enjoy the same blessings an hundredfold.

Verse 12: “Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.” The same is true of Jesus Christ, as Revelation 5:12 declares: **“Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.”**

### CHAPTER 2

Verse 1: **“And Solomon determined to build an house for the name of the LORD, and an house for his kingdom.”** We’ve already seen how Solomon’s commission to build a house for God pictures Christ millennial kingdom (Isa. 2:2), but Christ also has a spiritual house today that He is building, namely the church. I Peter 2:5 says, **“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”** (Also see II Timothy 2:20). Jesus said that He would *build* His church (Mat. 16:18), so just as peaceful Solomon built God’s physical house, the Prince of Peace builds God’s spiritual house.

### CHAPTER 3

Verses 5-7: **“And the greater house he cieled with fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm trees and chains. And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls**

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thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graven cherubims on the walls.” Here we have gold being used as an essential element in the construction of the house of the Lord. The same is true today as Christ builds His spiritual house because our *faith* is likened unto gold: “**That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.**” (I Pet. 1:7) Revelation 3:18 is also good: “**I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich . . .**”

## CHAPTER 4

Verses 2-4: “**Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen were cast, when it was cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward.**” This molten sea was for washing (Exo. 30:18-21), a type of the word of God that cleanses those who read and obey (Eph. 5:26; Psalms 119:9; John 15:3). The gospel of Jesus Christ is also the word of God; therefore the molten sea can picture the water of life that the lost world so desperately needs (John 7:38-39; Rev. 22:17). The fact that this laver stood upon twelve oxen is interesting. Ministers of the gospel are likened unto working oxen in I Corinthians 9:9 and I Timothy 5:18. These twelve oxen are all standing with their heads facing outward in all four directions as if they were about to carry the water into all the world, obviously pointing to the twelve disciples and the Great Commission.

## CHAPTER 5

Verse 9: “**And they drew out the staves of the ark, that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without. And there it is unto this day.**” The staves were for moving the ark, but they were taken out at the dedication of Solomon’s temple. With the tabernacle of Moses the staves were not taken out (Exo. 25:15) because they were constantly needed for moving the ark. Solomon’s temple, on the other hand, was not mobile, so the staves were removed. We know from John 2:19-21 that this temple pictures Jesus, so the removing of the staves points to the fact that the coming kingdom of Jesus Christ will be a permanent kingdom. The tabernacle of Moses pictures the first coming of Christ, and the temple of Solomon pictures the second coming.

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## CHAPTER 6

Verses 32-33: **“Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched out arm; if they come and pray in this house; Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.”** So gentiles will come to Jerusalem to worship Jesus in the Millennial Kingdom (Zch. 14:16-19).

## CHAPTER 7

Verses 17-18: **“And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.”** The long view obviously points to Christ the “son of David” (Mat. 1:1) who will sit upon the throne of David (Luke 1:32).

## CHAPTER 8

Verses 8-9: **“As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of Israel, But of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day.”** Likewise, in the coming kingdom of Christ Gentile nations will have to serve under the headship of Israel with Jesus being King over all (Isa. 2:2-4; 60:6-9; 66:18-21; Zch. 14:16-19; 8:20-23; Luke 19:12-19).

## CHAPTER 9

Verse 2: **“... there was nothing hid from Solomon which he told her not.”** So nothing can be hid from Jesus.

Verse 4: When the queen of Sheba beheld Solomon's glorious kingdom, **“there was no more spirit in her.”** This reminds us of the fact that the old dead spirit of the sinner (Eph. 2:1) must be replaced by the living spirit of Christ (John 3:6).

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Verse 7: **“Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.”** Like Solomon’s servants, Christians are supposed to be noted as a happy people who are thrilled to be serving their Lord (Plp. 4:4).

## CHAPTER 10

Verse 7: **“And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever.”** Solomon could only be a good king if he conducted himself as a *servant* of the people. So it is with Christ. He was God’s faithful servant (Isa. 42:1, 19), but also a servant of men (Mark 10:45).

## CHAPTER 11

Verses 1-4: **“And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.”** The ideal thing would have been for all twelve tribes to be ruled by one man, as they will be ruled by Jesus in the Millennium, but God didn’t want to force it and have rebellious hearts in his kingdom. So Jesus forces Himself on no one, and He will one day have all twelve tribes under His rule without having forced anyone (Mat. 19:28).

Verse 16: **“And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.”** So it is today. One must come to Jerusalem, if he seeks the Lord. He must come to Calvary, to the place where the ultimate and perfect sacrifice was made, and he must identify himself with it.

## CHAPTER 12

Verses 7 and 12: **“And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak . . . And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in Judah things went well.”**

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God never changes. Humility was a key element in obtaining mercy from God in the Old Testament, and it remains a key element in the New Testament. Jesus humbled himself (Philip. 2:8), and He demands humility on the part of those who would receive His mercy: **"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."** (Luke 18:14)

## CHAPTER 13

Verse 5: **"Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?"** So God will one day give the kingdoms of this world to Christ and his sons, and it will be because of a covenant.

## CHAPTER 14

Verses 5-6: **"Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest."** As mentioned in our studies in Kings, Asa means "physician," which points to Christ the Great Physician who "took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." (Mat. 8:17) Like Jesus, Asa was a good king in Judah who sought to heal the land of sin, and the land had rest and peace during his kingdom. Likewise, there will be rest and peace during the coming kingdom of Christ.

## CHAPTER 15

Verse 17: **"But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days."** Asa is a type of Christ, as mentioned above, and this verse strengthens the type by telling us that he had a "perfect" heart. Jesus had a perfect heart, and He commanded us to have the same (Mat. 5:48).

## CHAPTER 16

Verse 1: **"In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah."** So Satan works to hinder people from coming to Christ.

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Verse 9: **“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him . . .”** Consequently, the Father showed His great strength in the behalf of His perfect Son Jesus Christ.

## CHAPTER 17

Verse 5: **“Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.”** Here we see Jehoshaphat serving as a small picture of Christ in that he was a good king of Judah who received presents from his subjects after his kingdom was established. Jesus will receive presents in His millennial kingdom: **“The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.”** (Psa. 72:10-11)

Verses 7-9: **“Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah . . . And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.”** People cannot be expected to live godly lives if they aren’t taught God’s ways, so Jehoshaphat orchestrates a large teaching campaign. Jesus did likewise in the gospels by teaching His disciples and then commanding them to go into all the world and teach (Mat. 28:18-20). In fact, more is said in the gospels of teaching than of preaching.

## CHAPTER 18

Verse 7: **“And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.”** There was “one man” that provided the way of truth. The rest of the prophets were liars. So, there’s only one man that can provide the way of salvation, the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6; I Tim. 2:5). But, like Micaiah, He is hated. Appropriately enough, the name Micaiah means “like Jehovah.” If you’re going to be *like Jehovah*, as Jesus was, then you’re going to alone very often and you’re going to be hated by many people.

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### **CHAPTER 19**

Verse 4: **“And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.”**

Again, we see the Holy Spirit emphasizing Jehoshaphat's desire and efforts to return the people to God (see verses 5-11). This is precisely what Jesus did for all men. Man lost his relationship and fellowship with God when he sinned in Eden. Jesus came to lift men out of sin and restore them to their former position of being “sons of God” (John 1:12). This is called the “ministry of reconciliation” in II Corinthians 5:18.

### **CHAPTER 20**

Verses 15-17: **“... Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's... Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you...”** What a splendid picture of the salvation that we have in Christ. It isn't your battle, but God's. He fought this battle at Calvary and triumphed gloriously in it. All the sinner must do today is stand still and see the salvation of the Lord become a reality in his own life by receiving Christ.

### **CHAPTER 21**

Verse 7: **“Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever.”** So the Father has a covenant with Christ and His sons forever.

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## **CHAPTER 22**

Verse 12: **“And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.”** The verse refers to the young king Joash. It’s interesting that he was hid for six years in the house of the Lord, for Christ is “hid” (physically and visibly speaking) six thousand years from man before He returns to establish His kingdom on the earth. “Joash” means “whom Jehovah bestowed,” and Jehovah has bestowed no greater king than the King of Kings, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

## **CHAPTER 23**

Verse 3: **“... Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.”** So Christ the “king’s son” and the “Son of David” shall reign. Satan’s rule is only temporary. God’s eternal plan is for His Son to reign, and no one else. As Revelation 11:15 states, **“... and he shall reign for ever and ever.”**

## **CHAPTER 24**

Verses 1-5: Joash typifies Christ in that his name means “whom Jehovah bestowed” and he is a good king from Judah who is troubled over the condition of the temple. Jesus expressed similar concerns in Matthew 21:13.

## **CHAPTER 25**

Verses 15-16: **“Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand? And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldest thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.”** So God judges all those who set aside the counsel of the “Prophet” Jesus Christ (Deu. 18:15).



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## **CHAPTER 26**

Verses 8-15: "And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly. Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry. Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains. The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valour were two thousand and six hundred. And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones. And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong." Uzziah can serve as a brief type of Christ. His name means "the Lord is my strength," and, like Jesus, he builds up a great army for God. Also, like Jesus, "his name spread far abroad." Christ is the captain of our salvation in Hebrews 2:10.

## **CHAPTER 27**

Verses 1-2, 6: "Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly . . . So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God." Here we have a good Judean king whose name means "Jehovah is perfect," and he became "mighty" by following God. Jesus is said to be mighty in Luke 24:19, Isaiah 9:6-7, and in Isaiah 63:1.

## **CHAPTER 28**

Verse 15: "And the men which were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria." So Christ has done much the same for us. We were "captives" to sin, yet we were set free by His atoning work on Calvary. We were naked, yet He clothed us in His own righteousness (Isa.

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64:6; Rom. 10:3). We were hungering and thirsting for righteousness (Mat. 5:6), so He filled us with His Spirit. Even the fact that these freed captives were brought to the “city of palm trees” is not without significance because Psalm 92:12 tells us that **“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.”**

## CHAPTER 29

Verses 1-2, 10: **“Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done . . . Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.”** Here Hezekiah (“whom Jehovah has strengthened”) typifies Christ in that he was a good Judean king who mediated a covenant on behalf of the people to turn away God’s wrath. Christ, of course, is the “mediator of the new covenant” (Heb 12:24).

## CHAPTER 30

Verses 1, 6: **“And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel . . . So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.”** The Passover points to Christ “our passover” (I Cor. 5:7), and the posts taking this message throughout the country pictures today’s Christian messengers propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Verses 18-19: **“The good LORD pardon every one that prepareth his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary. And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.”** Again we see Hezekiah serving the role of mediator, and we get a glimpse of New Testament grace in that God “hearkened to Hezekiah” and healed the people even though they had not kept the law to the letter.

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## **CHAPTER 31**

Verse 1: **"Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities."** The idea here is that there is only one true God; therefore all elements of false worship must be cast down. This is precisely the case in the New Testament as we serve Christ: **"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."** (II Cor. 10:5)

Verse 21: **"And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered."** The exact same can be said of Jesus.

## **CHAPTER 32**

Verse 8: **"With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah."** So it is today. Rather than lean to our own understanding, we ought to "rest" on the words of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **CHAPTER 33**

Verse 4: **"... In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever."** It is "in Jerusalem" that the Lord Jesus Christ reigns, and He reigns "for ever" with the "name" that is above every name (Luke 1:33; Rev. 11:15; Phil. 2:9).

## **CHAPTER 34**

Verse 1: **"Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign ..."** Eight is the number of new beginnings in the Bible, so Josiah's reign with all its drastic reforms can serve as a picture of the new life in Christ that the born again believer lives. This point is strengthened by the fact that his name means "healed by Jehovah."

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## **CHAPTER 35**

Verses 17-19: **“And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept.”** Anytime the Passover appears it stands as a picture of Christ the Passover Lamb. I Corinthians 5:7 says, **“Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.”**

Verse 25: **“And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day . . . ”** So Christians sing of their good King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## **CHAPTER 36**

Verse 23: **“Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.”** This is the last verse in the Hebrew Bible, and it points typically to the Jews re-gathering in Israel and rebuilding the temple in preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. Rather than seek riches in the gentile nations, the Jew is to “go up” to Israel where he will one day seek his King, the Lord Jesus Christ.