

Interesting Facts About 2 Chronicles

MEANING: "The Words. (accounts, events) of the Day."

AUTHOR: Unknown. Possibly by Ezra or a contemporary of Ezra.

TIME WRITTEN: Probably between 450 and 430 B.C..

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 14th Book in the Bible
- 14th Book in the Old Testament
- 9th of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 52 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 36

VERSES: 822

WORDS: 26,074

2 CHRONICLES

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT 2 CHRONICLES:

- In the Hebrew Bible, 1 & 2 Chronicles were one book.
- 2 Chronicles, 1 & 2 Kings virtually ignore the Northern Kingdom (Israel) because of:
 - Its false worship
 - Its refusal to acknowledge the Temple in Jerusalem.
- Chapters 1-9 cover the 40 years from 971 B.C. to 931 B.C. - Solomon's reign.
- Chapters 10-36 cover the 393 years from 93 B.C. to 538 B.C.
- Approximately 70% of chapters 10-36 deals with the 8 good kings of Judah, leaving only 30% to cover the 12 evil rulers.
- 6 of the first 9 chapters concern the construction and dedication of the Temple.
- During Solomon's reign, Israel's boundaries extend to their greatest point.

■ Four legendary things about Solomon:

- His wealth
- His wisdom
- His palace
- His Temple

- Since so much of 2 Chronicles has to do with the Temple, it is no wonder that the book concludes with Cyrus' edict to rebuild it.

■ Judah's 20 kings.

	NAME	REIGN	CHARACTER
1	Rehoboam	17 years	Bad
2	Abijah	3 years	Bad
3	Asa	41 years	Good
4	Jehoshaphat	25 years	Good
5	Jehoram	8 years	Bad
6	Ahaziah	1 year	Bad
7	Athaliah	6 years	Bad
8	Joash	40 years	Mostly Good
9	Amaziah	29 years	Mostly Good
10	Uzziah	52 years	Good
11	Jotham	16 years	Good
12	Ahaz	16 years	Wicked
13	Hezekiah	29 years	Good
14	Manasseh	55 years	Worst
15	Amon	2 years	Among Worst
16	Josiah	31 years	Among Best
17	Jehoahaz	3 months	Bad
18	Jehoiakim	11 months	Wicked
19	Jehoiachin	3½ months	Bad
20	Zedekiah	11 years	Bad