The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

The Unfailing Word of God
Lesson 17
2 Chronicles 33-36

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1&2 Chronicles

- The Messianic family line: Adam to the 7 sons of Elioenai
- The plan of salvation (John 5:39-40) - Everlasting Covenant
- The Davidic Covenant (1 Chron 17)
  - An eternal Kingdom of Israel; ruled from Jerusalem by David’s son
  - This Son of God will dwell in the House of God
- The nation Israel is the centerpiece of God’s plan of salvation
- The hope of the world is the Son of David on the Throne of David, in the House of God with a saved nation (Rom 11:26)
1&2 Chronicles

- David and Solomon; the Temple (29 chapters; 80 years)
- The decline and fall (16 chapters; 345 years)
- Last 4 chapters (2 Chronicles 33-36) – 100 years
- Kings, Chronicles, Jeremiah, Zephaniah and Habakkuk

Two competing messages:
  - The Promise of God – sovereign power
  - The reality of history – impossible
The Divided Kingdom

- Northern Kingdom history essentially ignored
- Phase 1 – conflict – Rehoboam, Abijam, Asa
- Phase 2 – cooperation – Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, Ahaziah, Athaliah
- Phase 3 – restoration and prosperity – Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham
- Phase 4 – decline and termination – Ahaz to Zedekiah
  - Ahaz – shut down the Temple; idolatry; Assyrian alliance
  - Hezekiah – a heart to seek the LORD – reformation and protection
  - Final 7 kings – 1 very good; 6 very bad; 1 mixed
The Final 112 Years

- Manasseh (33:1-20) – 55 years
- Amon (33:21-25) – 2 years
- Josiah (34-35) – 31 years
- Sons of Josiah (36:1-21)
  - Jehoash (Shallulm) – 3 months
  - Jehoiakim (Eliakim) – 11 years
  - Jehoiachin (Coniah) – 3 months
  - Zedekiah (Mattaniah) – 11 years
- Decree of Cyrus (36:22-23)
Manasseh (33:1-20)

- Rebellion (33:1-10)
- More guilty than the Canaanites (2 Kings 21:11)
- Unforgivable sin (2 Kings 24:3-4)
  - Restoration of idolatry
  - Restoration of pagan practices
  - Desecration of the Temple – eternal house of God (33:4, 7)
  - Rejection of the Word of the LORD (33:8, 10)
  - Corruption of the people – "misled" the people
- The wrath of God through Babylon
Judgment and Repentance (33:11-17)

- The LORD brought the Assyrians . . . (33:11)
- In distress, he entreated the LORD his God (33:12)
- "The LORD is God" (Jer 31:34)
- God heard and delivered (33:13-16)
  - Restoration
  - Removal of idolatry from the House of God
  - Restoration of sacrifice
- People remained in idolatry (cf. 33:17)
Manasseh – a Message of Hope

- Unforgivable sin (2 Kings 24:3-4)
- The prayer to God (33:18, 19)
- “Grace that is greater than all our sin”
- A national and personal lesson
- Isaiah 45:22 – “Turn to Me and be saved . . .”
Amon (33:21-25)

- Followed the example of his father Manasseh
- Did not humble himself before the LORD
- Put to death in his own house
- The people avenged his death
Josiah (34:1-33)

- Like David – (1 Sam 2:35; 13:14) – David’s heart
- Age 16 – began to seek the LORD (34:3a)
- Age 20 – began reformation (34:3b-7)
  - Purged Judah and Jerusalem
  - Burned bones of pagan priests in Israel (1 Kings 13:2)
- Age 26 – repaired the House of the LORD (34:8-13)
  - The Book of the Law of the LORD discovered (34:14-21)
  - Inquired of the LORD (34:12)
  - The Word through Huldah (34:22-30)
  - Wrath delayed because of the faith of Josiah
  - Word read to the people
  - A new covenant (34:31-33)
Passover (35:1-19)

- Age 26 – Passover celebration
- A national celebration of deliverance from bondage
- None like it since Samuel’s days
Death of Josiah (35:20-27)

- Battle of Carchemish in 605 BC
- Jeremiah’s lament . . . to this day (35:25)
- “Deeds of devotion” (cf. Hezekiah [32:32])
Sons of Josiah (36:1-14)

- Joahaz, age 23; 3 month rule
  - Jeremiah 22:1-12 – warning to kings of Judah
  - Deposed by Pharaoh; taken to Egypt; lost to f/u
- Eliakim (Jehoiakim), age 25; 11 year rule
  - Did evil in the sight of the LORD
  - Bound in chains by Nebuchadnezzar
- Jehoiachin, age 8 (18), 3 month rule
  - Did evil in the sight of the LORD
  - Taken to Babylon (597 BC)
  - Jeremiah 22:28-30 – childless; no son on the throne
Sons of Josiah (36:1-14)

- Zedekiah, age 21; 11 year rule
  - Placed by Nebuchadnezzar
  - Did evil in the sight of the LORD
  - Resisted Jeremiah (36:12)
  - Rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar (36:13)
  - Resisted God – hardened his heart (36:13)
  - Abominations of nations (36:14)
  - Despised the Word of the LORD (36:15-16)
  - Wrath without remedy – fulfill the Word of the LORD (36:21)
Decree of Cyrus (36:22-23)

- Word of the LORD – Jeremiah and Isaiah
- Sovereign of the sovereign
The Unfailing Word of God

- A great disaster
- An impossible requirement
- A certain hope
- The unfailing Word of God