

# 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 (Shallum) – 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