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Key Study Points by Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann

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Historical Context: The author of Chronicles, likely a Levite who is living among the Israelites who have returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian captivity, records the events of the reigns of Solomon (over the united kingdom) and his son, Rehoboam (over Judah) from 970-914 BC.

Law & Gospel Themes: The Chronicler portrays Solomon as the ideal king over an ideal kingdom, glossing over his failures. He seeks to comfort the hurting, and thus speaks prophecy of Jesus and His perfect reign forever. Solomon's reign is a witness that leads gentiles, like King Hiram of Tyre, to

the LORD. (2:11-12) Sacrifices on Mt. Moriah by Abraham, David & Solomon point to Jesus' final sacrifice in view of Moriah. The LORD's transcendent glory fills the temple and He also ignites the sacrifices at the temple's dedication.

Rehoboam, like many sinful kings, misuses marriage as a means to political power. (11:18)

Life Application Starters: How does the LORD use the good aspects of sinful Solomon's reign to point to and illustrate the coming reign of Jesus? How can sinners like us point the eyes of all,

including the gentiles, to the Creator of the universe and His salvation? What sacrifices can we make to point eyes to Jesus? How does the LORD's glory fill our churches? How is marriage still misused for selfish gain?

Prayer Starters: That the LORD will forgive our failures and still use us to point all eyes to Jesus. For the "gentiles" to see the Creator and Savior of all men through the witness we bear. That we will offer right sacrifices of praise and holy living. For marriage to be cherished as a gift from God and not a tool for selfish gain.

Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: 2 Chronicles 1:1-2:18

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 3:1-5:14

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 6:1-7:22

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 8:1-9:31

Friday: 2 Chronicles 10:1-11:23

Saturday: 2 Chronicles 12:1-16

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Ezra 7:9b-10, "...the good hand of his God was on him. For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel."

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Date 1 & 2 Chronicles Was Written: c 430 BC

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Law & Gospel Themes: In 1 Kings we hear of evil king Abijam, which means "my father is Yam," a Canaanite god. The Chronicler refers to him as Abijah, which means "my father is the LORD." Sadly, the first name is more fitting. Asa prospers as he purges the land of idolatry and even removes his idolatrous mother, Maacah,

from her role as queen. Jehoshaphat is faithful to the LORD in many ways, esp. in sending out his officials to teach the Law of the LORD. Athaliah used evil and murder to gain control of Judah, but her grandson, Joash, is rightly made king and she is put to death. Joash prospers only in so far as he heeds the counsel of his wise elders.

Life Application Starters: What idolatry do you need to purge from your life before it pulls you further away from the LORD? What idolatry should be purged from our church? How do we allow family

ties to inhibit our walk with the LORD? What can we do to better teach the Law of the LORD throughout our land? How might we all benefit from the wise counsel of godly elders?

Prayer Starters: That we would recognize the idolatry in our lives and get rid of it. For the courage to reject the evil counsel and ways of those who oppose the LORD, even if they're in our family. For wise elders to guide us in the way of the LORD & ears to listen. That the Word of the LORD will be taught faithfully in our homes, church and community.

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Monday: 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:15

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 15:1-16:14

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Thursday: 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37

Friday: 2 Chronicles 21:1-22:12

Saturday: 2 Chronicles 23:1-24:27

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Law & Gospel Themes: God is still in control through the reigns of kings who are both good and bad. Amaziah started off well, but started to compromise on the truth in his later years, allowing idolatry. Uzziah (Azariah in Kings) also started well, but fell to pride and took the place of the priests by offering incense in the

temple. He was struck with leprosy so he had to leave the palace and rule to his son, Jotham. Uzziah died 10 years later, still leprous. Jotham learns from the good and bad example of his father and serves well as king. Hezekiah restores the temple worship and holy feast observance, starting with Passover. He gives due honor and care to the priests and Levites.

Life Application Starters: How are we tempted to compromise on the truth as our race of faith grows long? Do we properly honor God's order in the church with due respect for those called as

ministers to the body of Christ? How do we honor God through His servants? If we are wise, what might we learn from the good and bad in our parents and other godly influences in our lives?

Prayer Starters: That we will never compromise on the truth of God's Word, but hold to it faithfully until the end of our days on earth. For due honor and care for the pastors, teachers and other committed servants of the LORD in the church today. For wisdom to discern between the good and bad examples we see, and follow what is good.

Daily Readings and notes:

Monday: 2 Chronicles 25:1-26:23

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 27:1-28:27

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 29:1-36

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:21

Friday: 2 Chronicles 32:1-33

Saturday: 2 Chronicles 33:1-25

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Law & Gospel Themes: After the efforts of Josiah to draw Judah back to the LORD, they continue their steady fall from faith. Most of those in Judah are killed or taken into exile in Babylon and the land of Judah is FORCED by the

LORD to receive 49 years (7x7 ... for completeness) of Sabbath rest to make up for missed observance. The LORD speaks to His people through Persian King Cyrus and commands the rebuilding of His house in Jerusalem. Non-Israelite neighbors seek to join in the rebuilding, but are denied in an effort to keep the temple and its practice pure. In spite of opposition, the rebuilding project is completed. Ezra is protected as he returns to Jerusalem to teach the Law of the LORD again.

Life Application Starters: To what ends is God willing to go in order to

draw His people back to Himself? What warning does this give to us? What comfort does the rebuilding of the temple give to us as we face opposition from men for God's plans? How can we follow Ezra's lead to focus on teaching God's Word?

Prayer Starters: For humble repentance as we face the LORD's discipline. For courage to follow the LORD even in the face of opposition by men. That we will maintain purity of faith and worship as we also reach out to those who don't yet know the LORD. To teach the Word of the LORD boldly.

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Monday: 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:27

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 36:1-23

Wednesday: Ezra 1:1-2:70

Thursday: Ezra 3:1-4:24

Friday: Ezra 5:1-6:22

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