

## CONTENTS

Translator's Note	v
Principal Abbreviations	xi

### INTRODUCTION

The Work of the Chronicler in the Bible	xvii
The Intention of the Chronicler	xx
Contents of II Chronicles	xxi
Selected Bibliography	xxxiii

### I. THE REIGN OF SOLOMON (ca. 962–922 B.C.)

1. Solomon Takes Over the Kingdom (i 1–17)	3
2. Building the Temple: Preparations (i 18, ii 1–17)	8
3. Building the Temple: Construction (iii 1–17)	14
4. Building the Temple: Furnishings (iv 1–22, v 1)	19
5. Building the Temple: Removal of the Ark. God's Approval (v 2–14)	26
6. Building the Temple: Solomon's Dedication and Prayer (vi 1–42)	31
7. Building the Temple: The Dedication Ceremony (vii 1–10)	39
8. Building the Temple: Yahweh's Response (vii 11–22)	42
9. Other Achievements of Solomon (viii 1–18)	45
10. Solomon's Wisdom and Wealth (ix 1–28)	52
11. Conclusion (ix 29–31)	60

### II. THE KINGS OF JUDAH (ca. 922–587 B.C.)

12. The Reign of Rehoboam: The Rebellion of Israel (x 1–19)	63
13. The Reign of Rehoboam: Establishing the Kingdom (xi 1–23)	67

14. The Reign of Rehoboam: Abandonment of Yahweh (xii 1-16)	72
15. The Reign of Abijah (xiii 1-23)	76
16. The Reign of Asa: The Early Years (xiv 1-14)	82
17. The Reign of Asa: The Reformation (xv 1-19)	86
18. The Reign of Asa: The Later Years (xvi 1-14)	91
19. The Reign of Jehoshaphat: Character and Organization (xvii 1-19)	96
20. The Reign of Jehoshaphat: Alliance with the Northern Kingdom (xviii 1-34)	101
21. The Reign of Jehoshaphat: God's Rebuke and Jehoshaphat's Reformation (xix 1-11)	106
22. The Reign of Jehoshaphat: Jehoshaphat's Piety Rewarded (xx 1-37, xxi 1)	110
23. The Reign of Jehoram (xxi 2-20)	118
24. The Reign of Ahaziah (xxii 1-9)	124
25. The Reign of Athaliah (xxii 10-12, xxiii 1-21)	127
26. The Reign of Joash (xxiv 1-27)	133
27. The Reign of Amaziah (xxv 1-28)	140
28. The Reign of Uzziah (xxvi 1-23)	147
29. The Reign of Jotham (xxvii 1-9)	155
30. The Reign of Ahaz (xxviii 1-27)	158
31. The Reign of Hezekiah: Rehabilitation of the Temple (xxix 1-36)	165
32. The Reign of Hezekiah: The Passover (xxx 1-27)	173
33. The Reign of Hezekiah: Reform Activities (xxxi 1-21)	180
34. The Reign of Hezekiah: The Assyrian Invasion (xxxii 1-23)	185
35. The Reign of Hezekiah: The Later Years (xxxii 24-33)	191
36. The Reign of Manasseh (xxxiii 1-20)	195
37. The Reign of Amon (xxxiii 21-25)	200
38. The Reign of Josiah: Discovery of the Lawbook of Moses (xxxiv 1-33)	201
39. The Reign of Josiah: The Passover (xxxv 1-19)	209
40. The Reign of Josiah: The Later Years (xxxv 20-27)	214
41. The Reigns of Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, and Jehoiachin (xxxvi 1-10)	217
42. The Reign of Zedekiah. The Exile (xxxvi 11-21)	221
43. The Decree of Cyrus (xxxvi 22-23)	224

CONTENTS

IX

APPENDIXES

Appendix I: Parallels	227
I Chronicles	227
II Chronicles	229
Appendix II: Genealogical Charts	233
A. Noah	233
B. Abraham's Descendants	234
C. Edom: Kings and Chiefs	235
D. Jacob	235
E. The Line of Judah	237
F. Calebites	237
G. The Jerahmeelites	238
H. David's Family	239
I. Kings of Judah	240
J. Exilic and Postexilic Line	240
K. Southern Families	241
L. Simeon	242
M. Reuben	242
N. Gad and ½ Manasseh	243
O. Chief Priests	243
P. Other Descendants of Levi	244
Q. Singers and Aaronites	244
R. Issachar, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali	245
S. Manasseh	246
T. Ephraim and Asher	246
U. Benjamin	247
V. The Family of Saul	248
W. Returnees	249
Index of Place and Personal Names	251
Key to the Text	269