



SEPTEMBER 2026 | DAY 13

ONE STORY THAT LEADS TO JESUS

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SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 25
1 Chronicles 26
1 Chronicles 27
1 Chronicles 28
1 Chronicles 29
Psalms 70

Even when the Israelites were trekking through harsh wilderness, they managed to build and travel with a tabernacle that gleamed with the splendor and abundance of Eden. How splendid will the temple be with the resources available to Israel at the height of their power!

In today's reading, the chronicler continues narrating the story about temple construction under David's leadership. In the same way Yahweh gave Moses the pattern for tabernacle construction, God shows David the blueprint pattern for the temple (Exod. 25:9, 40; 1 Chron. 28:11-12). The traveling Eden space gets a permanent resting place and a major upgrade.

Before dying, David urges Israel's officials to contribute to the temple's construction. He echoes the speech Moses gave the Israelite community when the tabernacle construction project needed funding (Exod. 35:1-18). David's audience responds the same way Moses' audience did, with extravagant generosity (Exod. 35:20-29).

Where the wilderness nomads of Moses' generation had only gold jewelry and dyed cloth to donate, the national elites of David's day offer piles of gold and gemstones.

More glory, more grandeur—but the same basic design. David's detailed instructions to Solomon show the temple receiving the same furniture as the tabernacle: altar, lampstand, table stocked with bread, and more. In the heart of Yahweh's sacred space, shiny golden cherubim spread their wings over the ark of the covenant. (Recall the two cherubim set at Eden's gate at the exile of Adam and Eve.)



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Watch the video to learn more about these mysterious spiritual creatures who guard the borders between Heaven and Earth. The extravagance of the temple in Chronicles points to a future, more glorious space, where Heaven and Earth will meet.



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2 Chronicles 1
2 Chronicles 2
2 Chronicles 3
2 Chronicles 4
Psalms 71

Today begins 2 Chronicles, the second half of what was once a single book. We're in the Hebrew Bible's home stretch. The chronicler focuses this part of the scroll on David's descendants who lived in the southern kingdom, Judah.

The author selects and arranges these stories to illustrate an important pattern in Judah's kings. Those who trusted and followed Yahweh experienced success and blessing. The kings who did the opposite experienced the opposite.

The first story recalls Solomon, showcasing the positive aspects of his reign. The chronicler does not mention the bloody assassinations or political schemes surrounding Solomon's rise to power, which we saw in the book of Kings. Instead, the story skips to Solomon's generous sacrifice at Gibeon and his prayer for wisdom.

Where Kings lingered on stories about that wisdom in action, Chronicles jumps right to the temple. Solomon follows his father David's instructions and uses his extravagant wealth to build Yahweh a glorious, golden palace.

For all the differences between Chronicles and Kings, here the two scrolls are on the same page: The temple in Jerusalem is an Eden space by design. Gold, palm trees, pomegranates, and cherubim carved into the walls and woven into the curtains. Every detail glows with garden life. Spectacular obedience leads to spectacular blessing. And it's about to get even better.



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2 Chronicles 7
2 Chronicles 8
Psalms 72

Try describing the Chronicles scroll in five words or less. “Didn’t we already read this?” “David: only the good stuff.” “Seriously, another list of names?”

This one works pretty well: “The whole TaNaK, only shorter.”

The opening genealogies in 1 Chronicles trace a biblical storyline from Adam to Saul, zipping through Genesis to Samuel in just nine chapters. Then it slows down to zoom in on King David, portraying in him the divinely appointed king-priest, God’s promised ruler to come. Then 2 Chronicles starts zipping through history once more, this time careening toward Israel’s exile.

Today’s journey transports us into what might be the brightest moment in Israel’s story so far.

The entire nation lives in unity under one ruler. People enjoy peace, security, and Edenic abundance under Solomon’s wise rule. As the crowning moment, Yahweh’s glorious presence fills the newly constructed temple. The whole country celebrates with two weeks of singing, feasting, and too many sacrifices to count. Almost too good to be true, the extravagance described celebrates something that was, while simultaneously envisioning something yet to come.

Chronicles is like a condensed version of the TaNaK, but it’s not the only Hebrew Bible book that does this. The book of Psalms retells the entire story of the Hebrew Bible, but through poetic form. Similar to our passage from Chronicles, today’s psalm envisions the high point of Israel’s history.



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Psalm 72 sees the faithful and beautiful aspects of Solomon's reign as a picture of God's future messianic king. Psalm 72 is also the last poem of Book Two in the five-book Psalter—right before the tide turns and Israel's peaceful era begins to darken in Book Three.

Watch the video to learn how the psalms' design and arrangement work like an invitation for readers to immerse themselves in the whole biblical story.



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2 Chronicles 9
2 Chronicles 10
2 Chronicles 11
2 Chronicles 12
Psalms 73

Familiar settings bring up old memories, and in today's video, you'll learn how authors use settings to set your expectations or to disrupt what you expect. Either way, settings are not just backdrops for the narrative. They're part of the plot.

Take Egypt, for example, where bad things tend to happen when Abraham's family visits. Often (not always), Egypt as a setting suggests ominous, painful things are about to happen. When Solomon decides to form an Israel-Egypt alliance by marrying Pharaoh's daughter (2 Chron. 8:11) and importing horses from Egypt (2 Chron. 9:28), all the Egyptian enmeshment feels ominous, like pain is coming.

Sure enough, a few years fly by, and Solomon's relationship with Egypt sours and then—worse. After Solomon's death, his son, Rehoboam, inherits the kingdom and promptly runs it into the ground. It takes Rehoboam three short days to lose 10 of the 12 tribes, and he spends the rest of his reign rejecting Yahweh and leading everyone else to do the same.

Under Rehoboam's watch, Yahweh's temple gets ransacked by—you guessed it—Egypt. King Shishak invades Jerusalem and strips both the royal palace and the temple bare.

But when Rehoboam humbles himself before Yahweh, God shows mercy to the Southern Kingdom. Despite Rehoboam's unfaithfulness, God shows mercy and finds some good still in Judah.



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2 Chronicles 16
2 Chronicles 17
Psalms 74

“The eyes of Yahweh roam throughout the earth, so that he may strongly support those whose hearts are wholly his” (2 Chron. 16:9). And the eyes of the chronicler roam throughout the pages of Israel’s history, so that he may remind his readers what happens when kings love Yahweh wholeheartedly—and what happens when they don’t.

The chronicler reviews a series of character studies so that later generations will never forget Judah’s history. He wants all of God’s people to learn from their family’s story, which helps avoid repeating the bad parts and hopefully leads to greater love for God and others—a greater willingness to trust God’s instruction (Hebrew: torah).

Like most biblical authors, the chronicler does not teach his historical lessons by directly telling you whether something was a good idea or not. Instead, the chronicler invites us to evaluate the kings’ decisions according to the results of their actions.

Notice, for instance, what happens to the kings in today’s reading. Jeroboam ditches Yahweh for a pair of golden calves, drives out all the faithful priests, and rebels against David’s royal line in Jerusalem. The result of his actions? Jeroboam’s army gets trounced, even though his army is twice as large as that of his foe.



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Kings Asa and Jehoshaphat, on the other hand, spend their reigns smashing idol statues, repairing Yahweh's temple, and urging their people to obey the Torah. The result? The land enjoys peace. Their foot soldiers destroy hundreds of chariots with nothing but shields and spears—and bring home piles of plunder. Foreign kings flock to Jerusalem with gifts of gold, silver, and livestock.

Like Moses, the chronicler holds out two paths. One leads to life and blessing, the other to death and disaster.



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2 Chronicles 18
2 Chronicles 19
2 Chronicles 20
Psalms 75

Wars, wadis, and waiting on wins from God: Have we heard this one before? Yes and no.

You might recognize several stories in today's reading. Jehoshaphat's military partnership with Ahab. Micaiah slapped in the face by a false prophet. A stray arrow brings Ahab down. These are almost identical repeats of stories told in the book of Kings.

But the chronicler expands the stories with new material. In Kings, we had a hunch that Jehoshaphat's alliance with Ahab—murderer, idol worshipper, all-around nasty dude—was a bad idea. Chronicles confirms this partnership demonstrated a serious lapse in Jehoshaphat's judgment. In fact, Yahweh sends a prophet to reprimand the king.

For the most part though, Chronicles spotlights Jehoshaphat's good decisions. When the Moabites and Ammonites team up to invade Judah, Jehoshaphat brings the whole kingdom to the temple to trust Yahweh through fasting and prayer.

Yahweh responds positively to the king's desperate cry. The enemies never make it past the wadi, a deep gorge that floods during the rainy season. A miraculous rescue at the water's edge? We really have heard this one before!

Jehoshaphat's band of singers and warriors arrives to fight, but the battle is over. They stand at the edge of the wadi and look across a field of dead bodies—just like the Israelites in Moses' day, who stood beside the Sea of Reeds (or "Red Sea"), watching Pharaoh's lifeless army wash up on shore.



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Chronicles is not merely a retelling of old stories. It reveals patterns of divine commitment to terrified people in grave danger, standing at the edge of a sea or a river, trusting Yahweh for life. (Remember, bodies of water often symbolize chaos and death in the Bible.) The pattern repeats over and over, ultimately including Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. Through impossible danger, Yahweh can be trusted to preserve and restore life. The pattern suggests divine faithfulness, which invites trust rooted in God's proven and demonstrated character and actions.



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2 Chronicles 22
2 Chronicles 23
2 Chronicles 24
Psalms 76

The book of Chronicles began with great hope for David's royal family line to continue and bring peace throughout the land. But the kings of Judah who should follow in David's good way of ruling decide instead to rule like the wicked kings of Babylon. They send the Southern Kingdom down a disastrous spiral.

Jehoram may be a descendant of David (good king), but he's also a grandson of Ahab (very bad king). Jehoram murders all his brothers to protect his claim to the throne, then leads the Southern Kingdom into idolatry. But those who sow evil will reap the same, and Jehoram dies a painful, humiliating death.

Unfortunately, Jehoram's son, Ahaziah, fails to learn the lesson and follows in his father's footsteps. He teams up with Ahab's family in the north. When Yahweh's severe judgment comes for Ahab's line, it takes down Ahaziah too.

Joash gets off to a better start, spending the early days of his reign tearing down the altars of Ba'al and rebuilding the temple. But after Jehoiada the priest dies, Joash turns his back on Yahweh.

An insidious evil has its hard claws wrapped around the hearts of Jerusalem's kings, turning the city into a breeding ground for violence, injustice, and corruption. Watch today's video to learn about the monster that stalks cities in the Bible—and about God's surprising plan to reclaim the city for his garden Kingdom.