

The Scriptures Summarized / Book 14 – II Chronicles

The last half of this divided volume begins with the reign of King Solomon as does the book of I Kings. However, this is not mere repetition of the history of the united and divided kingdoms. It is written with a unique purpose and perspective which provides an interesting contrast. Kings is more secular and was likely written from a prophet's perspective while Chronicles is more sacred and was composed from a priest's viewpoint. Thus, while the earlier volume includes and indicts the thrones of both nations, this later version ignores most of the northern nation and highlights Judah and especially the Temple in Jerusalem – Its construction, dedication, neglect, repairs and eventual destruction.

II Chronicles 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to his father David. It was on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, the place provided by David.

II Chronicles 7:1 When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

II Chronicles 36:19 They set fire to God's temple and broke down the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there.

Kings seems to document what happened historically and factually, while Chronicles discloses why it occurred spiritually and philosophically.

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