

The Book of 2 Chronicles

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God’s Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we start into the second major section **2 Chronicles** – **chapters 10-20**. This section chronicles, in quite some detail, the reigns of the following four kings:

- Rehoboam (**10:1-12:16**)
- Abijah (**13:1-14:1**)
- Asa (**14:2-16:14**)
- Jehoshaphat (**17:1-20:37**)

This section of 2 Chronicles opens with the division of Israel into two kingdoms – Israel and Judah. During this split, there is a statement made in **10:15**:

“So the king did not listen to the people, for this turn of events was from God, to fulfill the word the Lord had spoken...”

This statement – “for this turn of events was from God” – sets the tone for the whole book, for although Judah repeatedly rebelled against God and eventually went into exile, the sovereignty of God can still be clearly seen in his dealings with his people (see also **11:14**). Not even man’s willful rebellion could negate God’s sovereign purpose (**Job 42:2**). Thus we can see between **Kings** and **Chronicles** a clear difference in purpose:

- The author of **Kings** (traditionally Jeremiah) – writing just after the fall of Jerusalem – intends to show how the wickedness of Israel and Judah led to their exiles.
- The author of **Chronicles** (traditionally Ezra) – writing at the time of the rebuilding of the Temple (note **36:22-23**) – intends to show that God’s sovereignty overrules even the wicked rebellion of man.

With this in mind, let’s now pull up a comfortable chair and read the second section of **2 Chronicles** – **chapters 10-20**.

Memory Verse

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:29

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!