

## Lesson 7: Tragic Mistakes And New Beginnings 2 Chronicles

1. Read 2 Chronicles. Use your outlines to make notes and comments for class discussions.
2. Read Lesson 7 in your books.
3. Answer questions in Dimension 1.
4. Consider the following questions:
  - a. Looking back over your life, do you feel on the whole that you have received more than you asked for or less than you expected from God? How does 2 Chronicles 1 speak to your situation?
  - b. Solomon received the gifts of wisdom and knowledge from God. What gifts could you ask God to give to the leaders of your country?
  - c. How important are beautiful things for your own worship of God? Does a beautifully decorated church or chapel tend to help or hinder your worship?
  - d. Which temple objects mentioned in 2 Chronicles 4 play an important role in the New Testament?
  - e. Many lessons about prayer and seeking God can be learned from 2 Chronicles. What have you learned regarding sin, prayer, confession, and repentance (especially in 2 Chronicles 6)?
  - f. In 2 Chronicles 7, how did the Lord respond to Solomon's prayer of dedication? What impact did this have on the priests? On all the Israelites?
  - g. The Queen of Sheba and her retinue probably traveled over 1,000 miles to Jerusalem. What reasons can you discover in 2 Chronicles 9:1-12 for such a spectacular visit?
  - h. In 2 Chronicles 14, Asa tore down the foreign alters and the high place, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. If you were to go on a rampage against modern "Asherah poles," what are your top two or three targets? Why?
  - i. In Jehoshaphat's public prayer found in 2 Chronicles 20, why does Jehoshaphat tell God things that God already knows? Is he coaxing God's cooperation? Whom does Jehoshaphat blame for the invasion? How does Jehoshaphat evaluate Judah's chances?

- j. In 2 Chronicles 20, King Hezekiah reinstated the Passover (see also Exodus 12:1-28). Whom did he invite to come and celebrate the Passover? How? In Hezekiah's invitation to Passover (2 Chronicles 20:6-9), what did he ask the people to do? What were his reasons, positive and negative? Does he seem unduly harsh?
- k. In 2 Chronicles 21:2-4, what specific things did King Hezekiah do to continue the revival of worship? Why was each of these actions important?
- l. List the detestable practices that many of Judah's kings practiced.
- m. What did you learn about the heart from 2 Chronicles? Do you serve the Lord wholeheartedly or halfheartedly? What did you learn about crying to the Lord? What happened to those who cried out to Him? Did they always deserve to be heard?
- n. What did you learn about the sovereignty of God? How active or involved is God in the affairs of men? What were the different ways God afflicted those who disobeyed? Do you have a healthy fear of God?
- o. What is the most important thing you learned in your study of 2 Chronicles?