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WELCOME

OUR GOAL

To encourage you to read at least one book of the Bible each month, so that you may better understand who God is and where you fit into His story.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

- **OBSERVATION:**
What does the text say?
- **INTERPRETATION:**
What does it mean?
- **APPLICATION:**
What did I learn that should affect my life?

BASIC BIBLE NAVIGATION

Old Testament (39 books)

New Testament (27 books)



YOU ARE HERE – OLD TESTAMENT

Five major sections:

- Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- ▶ History (Joshua – Esther)
- Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)
- Major Prophets (Isaiah – Daniel)
- Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

2025 GOALS

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August
September
October
November
December

2 Kings/2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations



REVIEW

ZOOMING OUT

4000 BC	Adam
2350 BC	The Flood
1892 BC	Abraham goes to Canaan
1875 BC	Israel in Egypt (430 years)
1445 BC	Exodus (40 years of wandering)
1405 BC	Conquest of Canaan
1373 BC	Period of the Judges (350 years)

1051 BC United Kingdom (Saul, David, Solomon)

931 BC Divided Kingdom

- Northern Kingdom (209 years) captivity in 722 BC
- Southern Kingdom (345 years) captivity 605, 597, 586 BC

70 years of Captivity

516 BC Second Temple Completed



1 KINGS

From A Kingdom United to a Kingdom Divided

CHAPTER 1

- Abishag, the Shunammite woman
- Adonijah's Conspiracy
(assisted by Joab & Abiathar the priest)
- Nathan and Bathsheba's Coordinated Plan
- Solomon's Coronation (Nathan, Zadok, Benaiah)

CHAPTER 2

- David's Death
- Adonijah tries again
- Adonijah & Joab executed
- Abiathar sent home
- Shimei under "house arrest"



CHAPTER 3 (2 CHRONICLES 1)

- Solomon marries Pharaoh's daughter
- Solomon asks God for wisdom
- Solomon and the two prostitutes

CHAPTER 4

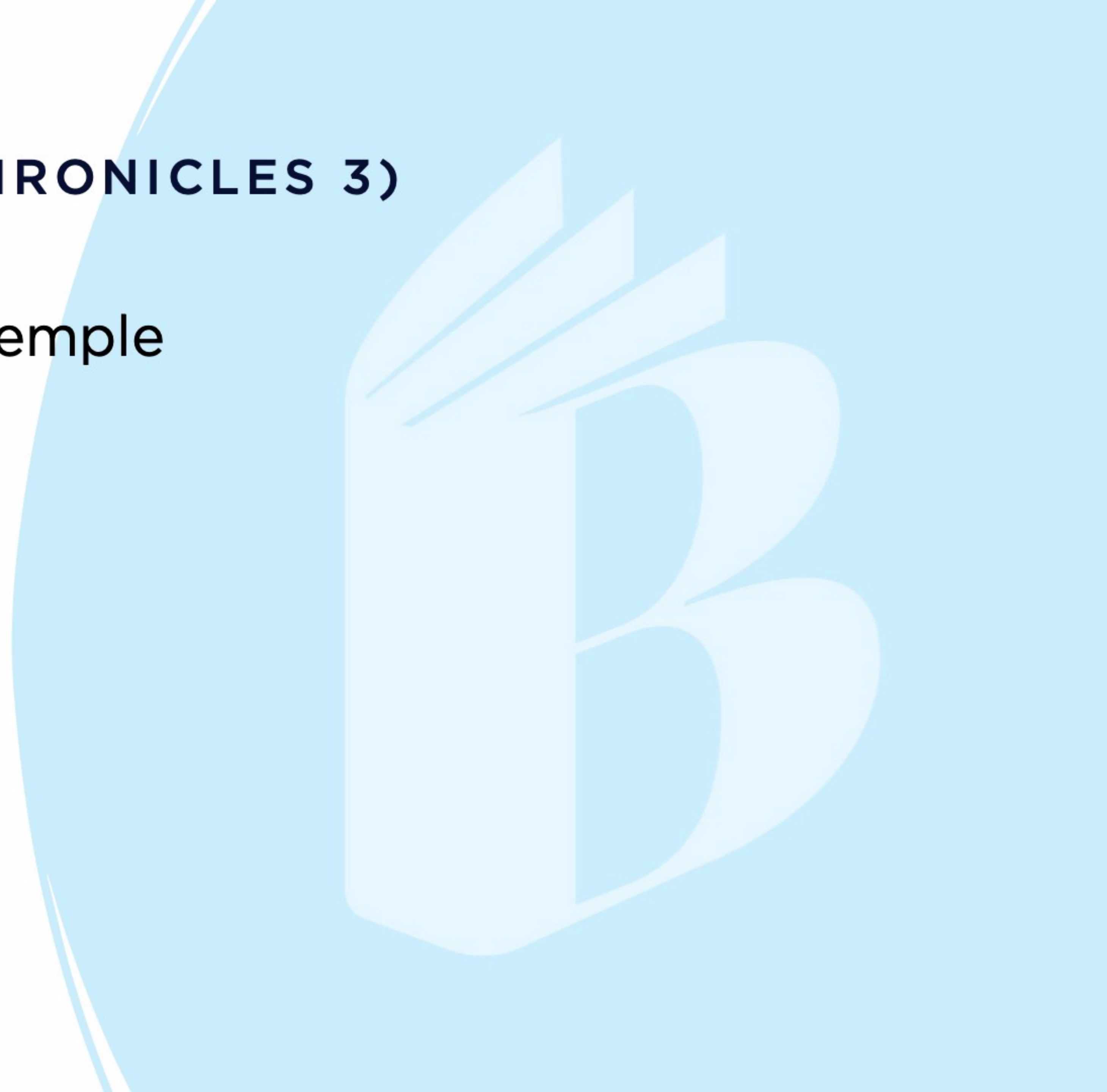
- Solomon's Administration
- Prosperity of the King and the Kingdom
- Solomon's fame and extensive knowledge

CHAPTER 5 (2 CHRONICLES 2)

- Solomon's arrangement with Hiram, King of Tyre

CHAPTER 6 (2 CHRONICLES 3)

- Construction of the Temple



CHAPTER 7 (2 CHRONICLES 4)

- Construction of Solomon's Palace (13 years)
- Furniture for the Temple
- Temple completed (7 years)

CHAPTER 8 (2 CHRONICLES 5-7)

- The Ark of God is brought into the Temple
- God's presence is demonstrated
- Solomon's praise and prayer of dedication

CHAPTER 9 (2 CHRONICLES 8)

- God responds to Solomon's prayer (promises & warnings)
- Solomon's worthless gift (20 cities in Galilee)
- Solomon's achievements

CHAPTER 10 (2 CHRONICLES 9)

- The Queen of Sheba's visit
- Solomon's taxes and treasures

CHAPTER 11

- Solomon's descent into evil
- Solomon's adversaries (Hadad & Jeroboam)
- Solomon dies

GROUP TALK

Why would someone with so much wisdom and a relationship with God, make so many foolish decisions?

How can we compare Solomon's life to the American way of life?

CHAPTER 12 (2 CHRONICLES 10-11)

- Revolution against Rehoboam
- God prevents civil war
- Jeroboam's gold calves in Bethel and Dan

CHAPTER 13

- The young prophet sent to Jeroboam
- His deception, disobedience, and tragic death

CHAPTER 14 (2 CHRONICLES 12)

- Jeroboam's son becomes sick and dies
- God pronounces judgment on Jeroboam
- Rehoboam leads Judah into idolatry
- Shishak attacks Judah
- Rehoboam dies

CHAPTER 15 (2 CHRONICLES 13-16)

- Abijam [Abijah] becomes king of Judah (3 years)
- Abijam dies
- Asa becomes king of Judah (41 years)
 - Fully devoted to God
- Ben Hadad breaks treaty with Baasha and aligns with Asa
- Asa dies

CHAPTER 15 (2 CHRONICLES 13-16)

- Jehoshaphat (Asa's son) becomes king of Judah
- Nadab (Jeroboam's son) becomes king of Israel
- Baasha assassinates Nadab & kills all family of Jeroboam
- Baasha becomes king of Israel

CHAPTER 16

- God sends Jehu to pronounce judgment on Baasha
- Baasha dies
- Elah, his son becomes king of Israel (2 years)
- Zimri kills Elah and all the household of Baasha
- Zimri becomes king of Israel (7 days)
- All Israel made Omri (army commander) king of Israel

CHAPTER 16

- Zimri commits suicide
- The Split - Half of the people follow Omri, half Tibni
- Tibni dies, Omri reigns (12 years)
- Omri is founder of Samaria
- When Omri dies, Ahab becomes king of Israel (22 years)
- Ahab does more to provoke God than any king before him

CHAPTER 17

- Elijah declares a period of draught
- God sends Elijah to the Brook Cherith where God provides bread and meat by way of ravens
- God sends Elijah to Zarephath, where a widow prepares bread for him and God miraculously provides
- (later) The widow's son became sick and died
- Elijah calls on God to bring him back to life

CHAPTER 18

- God sends Elijah to Ahab
- Elijah encounters Obadiah
- Ahab blames Elijah for his troubles
- Elijah's challenge to the people
- God's miraculous response
- Elijah has the prophets of Baal executed

CHAPTER 18

- Elijah prays and God sends rain
- Elijah's amazing race back to Jezreel

CHAPTER 19

- Jezebel's threat
- Elijah runs
- God refreshes and reassures Elijah
- God commissions Elijah to
 - Anoint Hazael as king of Aram
 - Anoint Jehu as king of Israel
 - Anoint Elisha as prophet to replace him

CHAPTER 20

- Ben-hadad attacks Samaria
 - Demands silver, gold, wives, and children (Ahab agrees)
 - Demands everything of value in his house (Ahab refuses)
- God sends a prophet to tell Ahab God will give him victory
- Ben-hadad escaped and planned another attack
- God sends a prophet to tell Ahab he will give victory

CHAPTER 20

- Ben-hadad fled, then went to Ahab asking for mercy
- Ahab proposes concessions and an alliance
- God sends a prophet to pronounce judgment on Ahab for his disobedience in sparing Ben-hadad

CHAPTER 21

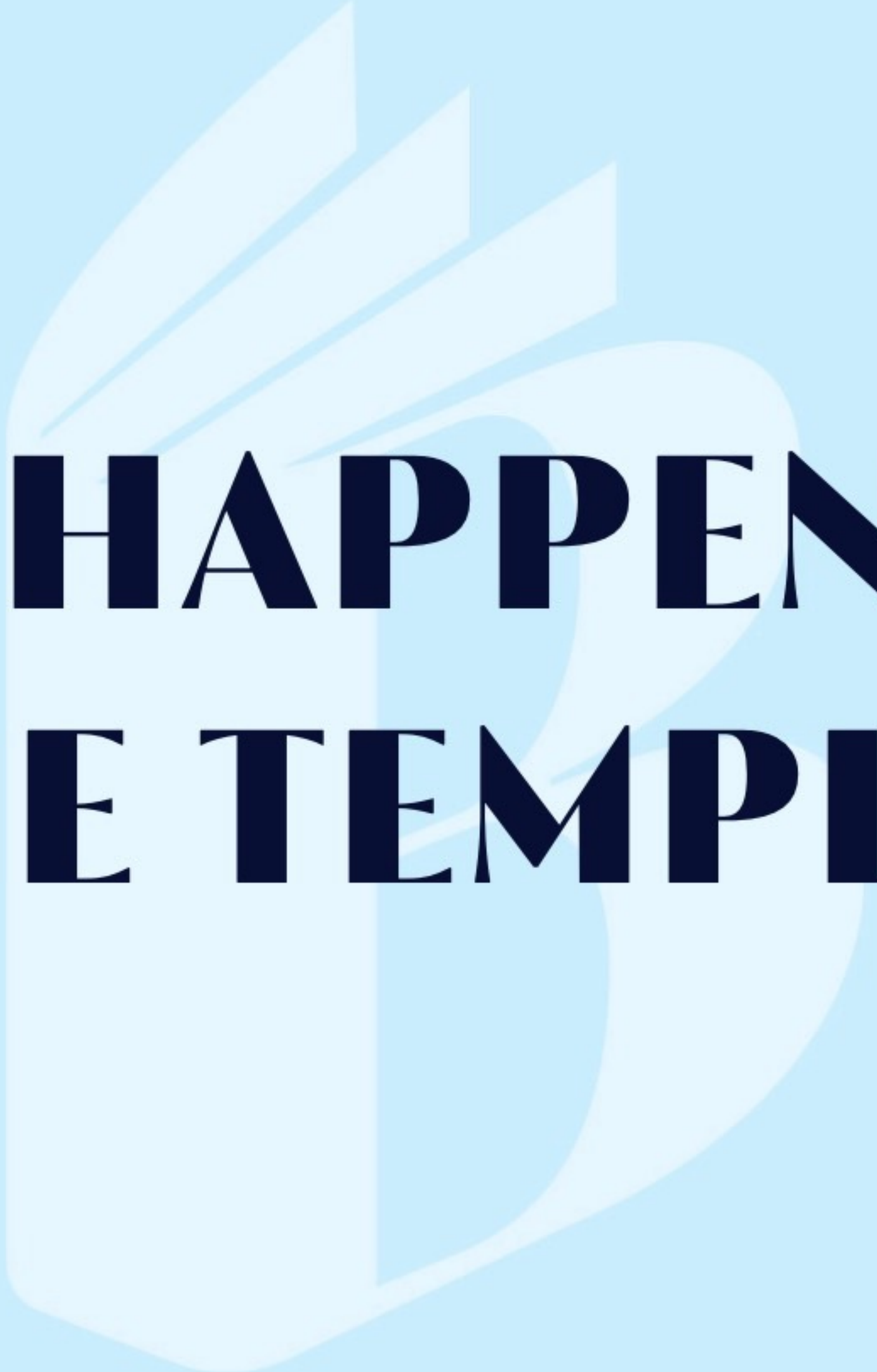
- Naboth's Vineyard
- God sent Elijah to pronounce judgment on Ahab who "sold himself to do evil" and Jezebel who incited Ahab to do evil.
- Ahab repented and God relented in bringing judgment until after his death

CHAPTER 22 (2 CHRONICLES 17-21)

- Ahab asks Jehoshaphat to go to war with him against the king of Aram
- Jehoshaphat agrees but wants to hear from God first
- Micaiah, the prophet is called
- Ahab's scheme to have Jehoshaphat die in his place
- Ahab is killed, Jehoshaphat escapes

CHAPTER 22 (2 CHRONICLES 17-21)

- Jehoshaphat dies
- His son, Jehoram becomes king of Judah
- Ahaziah (son of Ahab) becomes king of Israel (2 years)



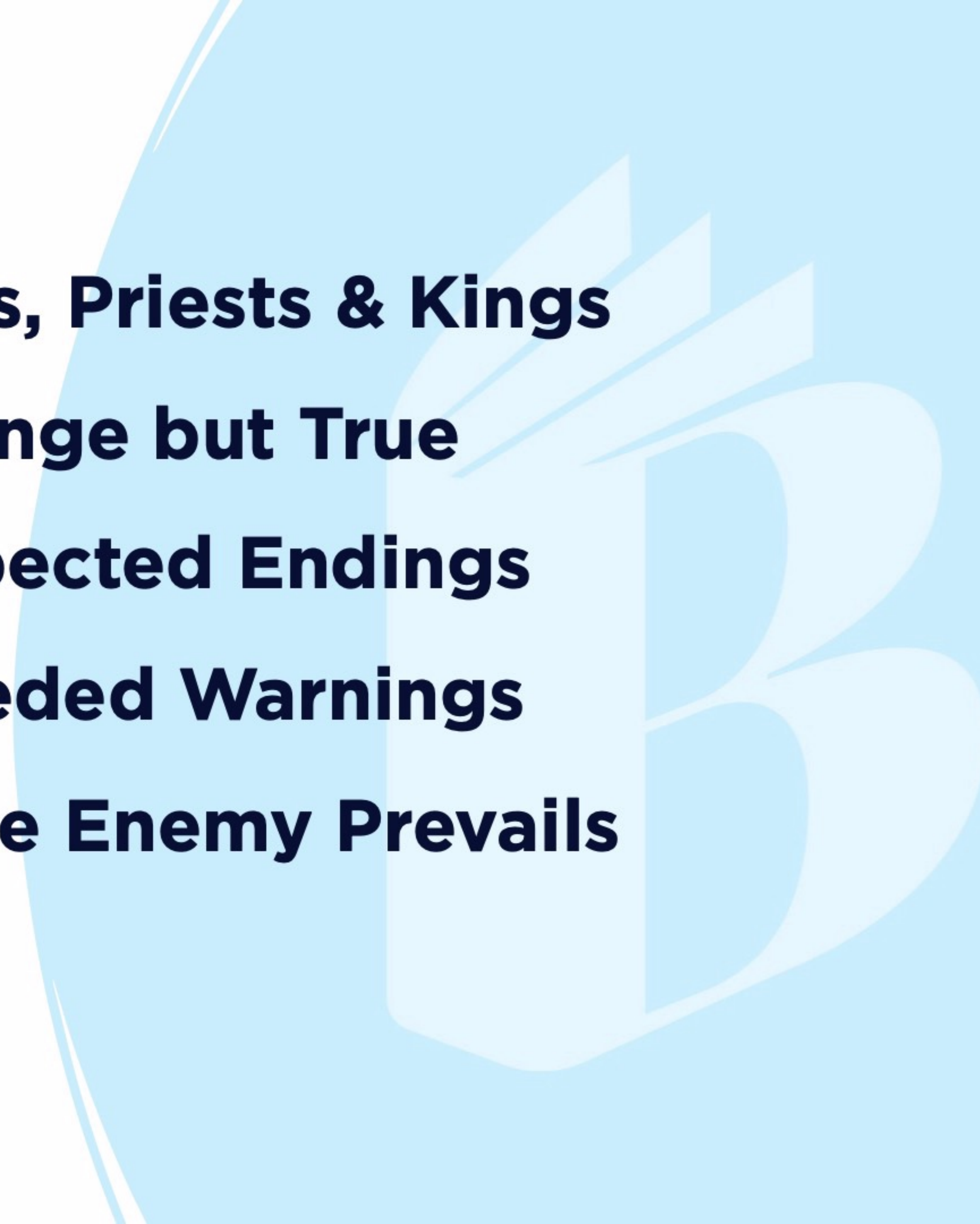
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TEMPLE?

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NEXT BOOK

2 KINGS – 2 CHRONICLES

From Division to Captivity



Prophets, Priests & Kings

Strange but True

Unexpected Endings

Unheeded Warnings

When the Enemy Prevails

GOAL FOR THIS MONTH

Read 2 Kings (25 chapters)
& 2 Chronicles (36 chapters)

Be sure to make notes of any insights you gain
as you read and study along with
any questions you encounter.

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