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Reading the Bible Together

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Questions to consider

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2. What does this teach me about humanity and myself?
3. What has most encouraged me from this book?
4. How does this teach me to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul and mind? (Matt 22:37-40)
5. How does this teach me to love my neighbour as myself? (Matt 22:37-40)
6. Is there anything else I should learn here to be 'equipped for every good work' (2 Tim 3:17)

The book begins with Solomon's 40 year reign (chapters 1-9); including the building of the temple, and information relating to Solomon's power and influence up until his death. The narrative carries on with how the kingdom is divided under Jeroboam and Rehoboam (chapter 10-12).

Judah declines into apostasy, with some occasional times of repentance under Kings such as Asa and Jehoshaphat as we hit a pendulum swinging between accounts of good kings (such as Hezekiah) and bad kings (such as Jehoram)

After the reign of 20 kings, the deportation to Babylon takes place (chapter 36). However, 2 Chronicles ends with a glimmer of hope as Cyrus' decrees that the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem will happen as he feels charged to do so by God.

Unlike 1 Chronicles, which is heavy on genealogies, the feel of 2 Chronicles is much more narrative focused, and so reading the book in one month can be easily achieved especially as each chapter flows into the next regarding the account of a particular king

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