



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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2 CHRONICLES

CHAPTERS 1 TO 36

Chapter 1

Solomon offers a sacrifice great.
God then predestines a glorious fate:
Riches and honor and wisdom untold.
Soon he is loaded with silver and gold.

Chapter 2

Huram and Solomon work out a pact.
Therein is each one rewarded in fact.
Solomon furnishes food for the crew.
Huram sends timber and men who can hew.

Chapter 3

Solomon starts now the house to erect,
Using the plans which were carefully checked.
Surely a beautiful sight to behold,
Overlaid mostly within with fine gold.

Chapter 4

Altar of brass and a great molten sea.
Vessels for service which also must be.
Some are of brass and some more are of gold.
Weight of the brass is too much to be told.

Chapter 5

Temple is finished; the ark is brought in.
People give forth with a worshipful din.
Then as their praise grows exceedingly loud,
Temple is honored and filled with the cloud.

Chapter 6

Solomon climbs on a platform and stands,
Blesses the people with uplifted hands,
Kneels in the sight of the multitude there;
Then he delivers his beautiful prayer.

Chapter 7

Fire consuming the flesh is outpoured.
Glory of God fills the house of the Lord.
Solomon offers a sacrifice there.
God in the night brings an answer to prayer.

Chapter 8

Solomon labors, with wisdom and pride,
Building a house where his wife may abide,
Cities of stone which his treasure might hold,
Also a navy to carry his gold.

Chapter 9

Sheba's fair queen comes to question his fame;
Then he is quick to give praise to his name.
Being far greater than any man known,
Solomon dies and his son takes the throne.

Chapter 10

King Rehoboam gets counsel that's bad,
Threatens the people thus making them mad.
People rebel and the kingdom is split.
Lineage of David has proven unfit.

Chapter 11

King Rehoboam his brethren would fight.
God stops the nation from doing this blight.
King has great riches but unhealthy drives,
Bringing in concubines, children and wives.

Chapter 12

People depart from the law of the Lord,
Promptly are rendered His chastening sword.
Ruler of Egypt for war is prepared.
Treasures are taken but city is spared.

Chapter 13

Judah goes out and with brethren does fight,
Placing his trust in God's power and might.
God fights for Judah makes Israel fall.
Five hundred thousand are smitten in all.

Chapter 14

Judah engages in warfare again.
Zerah comes out with a full million men.
Asa, the king, makes his plea to the Lord.
Zerah is crushed with the edge of the sword.

Chapter 15

Covenant now is confirmed with the Lord.
They are to worship, and He to reward.
Idols are taken from all of the land.
People return to receive at His hand.

Chapter 16

Asa now errs in a serious thing,
Sending a gift to the Syrian king,
Daring to cast into prison a seer,
Seeking physicians when sickness is near.

Chapter 17

Now King Jehoshaphat rises to reign,
Serving the Lord and procuring much gain,
Having an army, a million or more,
Causing the nations to add to his store.

Chapter 18

Ahab, Jehoshaphat, meet with the foe,
Warned by the prophet they ought not to go.
Ahab is stubborn and does not refrain.
God helps Jehoshaphat; Ahab is slain.

Chapter 19

Back to his throne does Jehoshaphat come.
Jehu then tells him the bad he has done.
King sets up judges through all of the land,
Tells them to judge as the Lord does command.

Chapter 20

Moab and Ammon come forward to fight.
Judah beseeches the Lord for His might.
Then they receive the good help of the Lord.
Judah prevails without lifting a sword.

Chapter 21

Now King Jehoram ascends to the throne.
He to all manner of evil is prone,
Changes the worship of Judah about;
Later he dies as his bowels tumble out.

Chapter 22

King Ahaziah is chosen to reign;
He too is wicked, by Jehu is slain.
Queen Athaliah ascends to the throne.
One tiny youngster is rescued alone.

Chapter 23

Joash, the youngster, is lifted to reign.
Queen Athaliah is taken and slain.
People are then by a covenant bound.
Altars of Baal are thrown to the ground.

Chapter 24

Joash is good while Jehoiada lives,
Much to the work of the temple he gives,
Turns him about when Jehoiada's dead;
Cursed, he is slain on his very own bed.

Chapter 25

King Amaziah is right for a time,
Then turns to idols, a dastardly crime,
Challenges Joash, the Israelite king;
Joash responds with a withering sting.

Chapter 26

Also Uzziah is right in his youth;
Later when great, he departs from the truth,
Dares to intrude in the house of the Lord.
Leprosy smites him, a proper reward.

Chapter 27

Jotham is right in the sight of the Lord,
Conquering much with the edge of his sword,
Getting him riches and honor and might,
Always observing the way that is right.

Chapter 28

Ahaz goes down in idolatrous sin,
Bringing the gods of the Syrians in,
Daring to worship, and greatly offend,
Causing the wrath of the Lord to descend.

Chapter 29

King Hezekiah does that which is right,
Serving the Lord with his vigor and might;
Cleansing the temple, the Levites, and priests,
Then sacrificing the specified beasts.

Chapter 30

Now is the passover kept with a will;
People are zealous their places to fill.
Unleavened bread is observed seven days,
Then does the city resound with His praise.

Chapter 31

People spread out and proceed through the land,
Crushing strange gods with a vigorous hand.
Tithe is collected and brought to the Lord.
Space is prepared for the bounty outpoured.

Chapter 32

King of Assyria comes up to fight,
There, is destroyed by God's power and might.
King Hezekiah is granted new life,
Then becomes haughty thus bringing on strife.

Chapter 33

Next king, Manasseh, is wicked indeed,
Giving to God and His judgments no heed.
He to a Babylon prison is sent,
Then is released when he bows to repent.

Chapter 34

Now comes Josiah a king who is right,
Serving the Lord with a wholesome delight;
Lending his ear to the covenant word,
Tearing down idols that wrath be deferred.

Chapter 35

Now for a passover people come near;
This is the greatest since Samuel the seer.
Necho of Egypt a warfare does make,
Killing Josiah a tragic mistake.

Chapter 36

Nebuchadnezzar now conquers the land,
Wiping it clean with a terrible hand.
Later the throne by King Cyrus is filled.
He asks for men to back and rebuild.