

I. Review of The Two Histories of The Kingdom Period

- A. 1 Samuel - 2 Kings
 - 1. Compiled before the fall to warn Judah
 - 2. Sin has consequences
 - 3. Emphasis on missed opportunities
- B. 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah
 - 1. Compiled after the captivity to encourage the remnant
 - 2. God meets men who turn to Him in truth
 - 3. The emphasis is on imperfect men who trusted God
 - a) Solomon, Asa, Jehosaphat, Joash, Hezekiah, Manassah, Josiah

II. Key Chapter of 2 Chronicles: Ch 7

(The Answer to Solomon's Prayer of Dedication)

- A. The central achievement of Solomon's life as far as the compiler is concerned is the building of the temple
- B. Chapter 6 contains the prayer Solomon offered at the dedication of the temple
 - 1. Thrust of the prayer
 - a) We are in trouble because of our sin
 - b) We pray to you with respect to the temple
 - c) Hear and deliver

Assignment:

Read through the book of Joel twice. Note carefully the complete change of mood in the book that occurs between 2:17 and 2:18.

Why is the change there? What does it teach us about the Lord?

C. Answer to Solomon's prayer (2 Chronicles 7:12-16)

1. Comes in the night at an unknown time after the dedication

2. Key features of God's response

a) *"I have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice" (vs. 12)*

(1) Temple was holy - chosen for Myself

(2) Purpose - a place of sacrifice

(3) *My name will be there forever (vs. 16)*

(4) *My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually (vs. 16)*

b) Because of the sacrifice - *"My eyes will be open and My ears will be attentive to the prayer offered towards this place" (vs. 15)*

c) What is involved in a prayer *offered towards this place*

(1) If my people sin (vs. 13)

(2) *And my people* - Israel

(a) Humble themselves

(b) Pray

(c) Seek My face

(d) Forsake their sin

(3) I will

(a) Hear from heaven

(b) Forgive

(c) Restore the blessing

