

What will people do with their remaining years of life? Some people do good. Some do bad. Some live godly. Some live tragically. But what about **you?** How will you live for God? What will you do for him?

2 Chronicles 8-9 is the account of Solomon in his mid-life/concluding summary of kingship. Solomon is about 40 years old. He’s been king about 20 years. And these chapters represent a plethora of events. It’s like the Chronicler’s catalogue of Solomon’s accomplishments for 2 whole chapters (2 Chron 8-9). *What* does King Solomon accomplish mid-life as *King* over Israel and as SON OF DAVID?

Now, the big emphasis here is on all that *GOD* does through Solomon!

As great as Solomon’s kingship was, it was still imperfect, incomplete and anticipatory of Something greater to come — the greater Son will come, the greater Solomon will come!

Background to 2 Chronicles 8

- Quite amazingly, the Chronicler will **omit** some negative parts of Solomon’s life! (cf. 1 Kings 11)
- Nearly every paragraph begins explicitly with the repeated mention of SOLOMON as the subject (this is for repeated emphasis), see verses 1, 3, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17.
- v.16 - the theme verse (vv.1, 16; cf. 5:1; 7:11; 8:1, 16): The point?? **God used Solomon to build the Temple!**

THESIS —This chapter uncovers Solomon’s great accomplishments. We’ll observe 5!

I.RELIGIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS (1-2, 16)

II.POLITICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS (3-10)

III. MARITAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS (11)

IV. SACRIFICIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS (12-16)

V. COMMERCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS (17-18)

Transition to the Greater son of David, the greater Solomon!

“Something Greater than Solomon is Here!”

Matthew 12:42 - something greater than SOLOMON is here!

- **Jesus Christ is Better...** Let’s cast our eyes upward to the *Ultimate King – Jesus!*
 - **POLITICALLY —**
 - **CEREMONIALLY —**
 - **RIGHTEOUSLY —**
 - **SPIRITUALLY —**
 - **ETERNALLY —**

2 Chronicles 8 — “A Catalogue of Solomon’s Accomplishments: Look Forward! Something Greater than Solomon Has Come!”• **The 3 offices of Christ that He holds perfectly, perpetually & gloriously:**

- ❖ **PROPHET** — revealing God & speaking forth God’s Truth who is Himself the WORD /spoken revelation of God. God reveals Himself thru Jesus!
- ❖ **PRIEST** — sacrifices; Jesus offered HIMSELF once for all (not repeatedly); once!
- ❖ **KING** — ruling over Israel & over all nations! Righteousness, justice, peace, harmony, life, GLOBAL kingship & kingdom!

➔ The Kingdom of Jesus is **ETERNAL** (Luke 1:33); it is **RIGHTEOUS** (Jer 23:5); it is **PERFECT** (Isa 2, 11), it is **SECURE** (Jer 23:6); it is **GLOBAL** (Ps 72); it is **DIVINE** (Ps 110); it is **CHRIST-CENTERED & GOD-WORSHIPING** (Rev 20-22).

Other related Scriptures on the coming, glorious, righteous & eternal kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 20:1-6; Psalm 72! Matthew 19:28; Revelation 3:21!

Revelation 5:9-14!!

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven and nature sing,
 And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
 Let men their songs employ;
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 Nor thorns infest the ground;
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as the curse is found,
 Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 And makes the nations prove
 The glories of His righteousness,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders of His love,
 And wonders, wonders, of His love.

I Run to Christ

I run to Christ when chased by fear
 And find a refuge sure.
 “Believe in me,” His voice I hear;
 His words and wounds secure.
 I run to Christ when torn by grief
 And find abundant peace.
 “I too had tears,” He gently speaks;
 Thus joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life
 And find my soul refreshed.
 “Come unto Me,” He calls through strife;
 Fatigue gives way to rest.
 I run to Christ when vexed by hell
 And find a mighty arm.
 “The Devil flees,” the Scriptures tell;
 He roars, but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin
 And find a sure escape.
 “Deliver me,” I cry to Him;
 Temptation yields to grace.
 I run to Christ when plagued by shame
 And find my one defense.
 “I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case—
 My Advocate and Friend.

There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from
 Emmanuel’s veins;
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their
 guilty stains.
 Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their
 guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his
 day;
 And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins
 away.
 Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
 And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins
 away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose
 its power
 Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin
 no more.
 Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more;
 Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin
 no more.

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue lies silent
 in the grave.
 Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I’ll sing Thy power to
 save,
 I’ll sing Thy power to save, I’ll sing Thy power to save,
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 save,

Prayer Meeting:

- 1.** Praise the Lamb!
- 2.** Thank the Lord!
- 3.** Small Group Praying