



The book of 2 Chronicles

DESCRIPTION SHEET

Author

As we have already mentioned, the rabbinic tradition recognizes the scribe Ezra as the author of the text of Chronicles. It must be said, at the beginning, there were no 1 and 2 Chronicles. It is with the translation of the text into Greek that we have this separation of the book into two volumes.

Date

The writing of this text is dated between 450 – 425 BC.

Main theme and target audience

The book of 2 Chronicles makes an evaluation of the religious history of the Israelite nation. This is what makes the books of Chronicles different from other historical books such as 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, even though there are a significant number of repetitions of historical accounts. The author's goal was to teach the rest of the people who had just come from exile the importance of worship and how to worship God. Thus, there is detailed information about the construction of the temple during the reign of King Solomon, the heir to King David.

Although God had already revealed the plan for the temple to David and David had made all the preparations in terms of materials, it was not until Solomon that the plan was executed. The text of 2 Chronicles emphasizes the priestly aspect of the story and the good sides of the kings of Judah.

Outline of the book

1. Solomon's reign and achievements. (2 Ch. 1:1-9:31)
2. Reigns of the kings of Judah after the death of Solomon. (2 Ch. 10: 1-36:21)
3. Edict of King Cyrus. (2 Ch. 36:22-23)