The heart of a king

Prov. 21:1

The **king's heart** *is* in the hand of the LORD, *as* the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

1. It is not by accident that this verse is located in the **21s**t chapter and in the **1st** verse.

 i. Either the heart is divided “**2**” or it is **“single”** “**1**” (Matt. 6:22).

1 Sam. 16:7 Но ГОСПОДЬ сказал Самуилу, Не смотри на лицо его, или на высоту роста его; потому что я отверг его: ибо *ГОСПОДЬ смотрит* не так,как смотрит человек; ибо человек смотрит на наружную внешность, **но ГОСПОДЬ смотрит на сердце.**

Read - Rom. 15:4 The O.T. is for our learning. That’s why you should read the Old Testament.

 Cf. Hyper-dispensationalists are not interested in the O.T.

About **“Chronicles”**

1 Kings 14:19 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the **book of the CHRONICLES** of the kings of Israel.

 - The word in the Synodal is in the **“book of the letopiece”** which breaks the cross-reference to the two books of Chronicles (which speak of what the writer 1 and 2 kings refer you to) they are named *“Paralipomenon”* in the Septuagint **“LXX”** by Origen (3rd century) and copied by Jerome in the 5th century.

 - Since the word in the books of Kings, Nehemiah and Esther is **“letopiece”** and the names of Chronicles is *“Paralipomenon”* taken from the **“LXX”** of Origen, then **“the scripture** [is] **broken** (Jn. 10:35).

 **- 38 times** in the AV in other historical books of the Bibleother than Chronicles is **“the book of the Chronicles”** made reference to. For example 1 Kings 14:19.

 - In the Synodal it is not mentioned not even ONE time in those other books.

 Therefore **37 times** do the Gentile priests of the Synod **“shut up”** Biblical truth from the reader (Lk. 11:52).

 **ILL. A bicycle chain** that has all of its links can serve it purpose. The bicycle will go.

But if the chain has *only one link missing*, then the whole chain is of no use.

 *APPLICATION:* Then **“the scripture** (singular) [**is] broken”** (Jn. 10:35).

What God had ‘joined together’ and should not be divided, Origen, Jerome and the Synod have joined together to divide what God had not intended to be **“broken.”**

2. Chronicles deals with the temple and southern kingdom and the kings of that kingdom.

1, 2 Chronicles are very instructive (2 Tim. 3:16) in that they show the dealings of God toward His people, the Jewish nation in response to the attitude of the heart of a king.

-Whenever a king was right before the Lord the Lord honoured that. The nation got in good shape.

-Whenever a king was wicked, the nation ‘went to pot.’

-The temple was of most importance because that was the place of worship.

-It is a great picture of the born-again believer in that the temple in Zion is a picture of the temple of the believer’s body.

Read 1 Cor. 3:16-18; 6:19-20

-You’re to be guided by the Holy Spirit and the words of God.

-The Holy Spirit cannot work independently from what is written.

**Amaziah Aмазия**

2 Chron. 25:2 And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, **but not with a perfect heart.**

1. This is concerning Amaziah. He was 25 years old when he began to reign.

2. It is possible to do right things but the heart not right before God.

3. He stuck to the law concerning who should be punished (vss. 3, 4).

4. He was obedient to the man of God (vss. 9, 10). He did not take Ephraimites to go to war with him.

 i. vss. 11 He won the battle

5. Amaziah compromised after victory (vss. 13-16).

 i. He took for the gods.

6. He **“took advice”** and bit off more that he could chew (v. 17) and boasted (v .19) and got his butt kicked.

 **ILL.** Gronkowski – the partier. Now he’s out with a bad back.

 **ILL.** A wide receiver for the NY Giants went out with a bunch of players down to Miami to party. They lost the play-off game. He stunk too. He couldn’t catch a pass.

 **ILL.** Cassius Clay “I’m the greatest” was struck with Parkinson’s disease.

 болезнь Паркинсона, дрожательный паралич

Prov. 16:18 **Погибели предшествует гордость, и падению – надменный дух.**

 i. The answer is in verse 20, **“he would not hear”** **“they sought after the gods of Edom.”**

7. When you compromise with other people then you hurt those that desire justice.

 i. Then you end up with being caught between a rock and a hard place.

 ii. You please nobody.

 i. Then you get it in the end (vss. 22-24) You’re done!

8. He got taken (v. 24) for all that he had.

 i. He gets killed. **“…they made a conspiracy against him…”** (v. 27). The end!

9. That is where a divided heart will get you.

**Uzziah Уззия**

2 Chronicles 26:1 Then all the people of Judah took **Uzziah,** who *was* sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah.

1. He did right **“as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper”** (v. 5).

 i. v. 6 victory vss. 8, 9.

 ii. trained his men (v. 11)

2. That shows the importance of seeking the Lord.

3. He had trained men to go to war, he had **“mighty men of valour”** he also **“prepared for them throughout all the host shields…”** (v. 13, 14)

 i. v. 15 Had great military power.

4. But the crushing fact is in verse **16** we find this – “But when he was strong, his heart was **lifted up** to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

5. He was rebuked concerning it (vss. 17, 18)

6. He became a leper (v. 19). He had to deal with that leprosy till the day of his death (vss. 20, 21).

 i. That’s what was on his “gravestone.” **“He is a leper.”** What an epitaph! (v. 23)

**Иоафам Jotham** was a good king.

2 Chron. 27:6 **So Jotham** became mighty, because he **prepared his ways** before the LORD his God.

1. This is the secret of becoming might, great, good, and godly. He was 25 years old when he began to reign.

2. Jotham, the 6th king (besides David) of Israel’s 42 kings, who did *right* in the sight of God.

3. It’s all in the preparation (Prov. 16:1).

4. It is man’s duty to *prepare his heart by the word of God and prayer* (Lk. 8:15; 2 Cor. 4:2), but it is the work of the Holy Ghost to witness through the diligent believer (Jn. 14:26).

5. You’re to study (Prov. 15:28; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Pet. 3:15).

6. Daniel could not stand as long as he did, (70 years plus) if he did not “prepare” (Dan. 1:8).

 i. He was trained right. It’s all in the preparation.

7. For youth this is so invaluable.

**Aхаз Ahaz** was a bad king.

2 Chron. 27:9 ¶ **И уснул Иоафам с отцами своими, и похоронили его в городе Давида. И воцарился Ахаз, сын его, вместо него.**

28:1 **Aхазу *было* двадцать лет, когда он начал царствовать, и он царствовал шестнадцать лет в Иерусалиме: но он не делал *то, что было* правильным в очах ГОСПОДА, как Давид, отец его:**

vss. 1-4 his wicked ways.

**2 Chronicles 28:24** And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and **shut up the doors of the house of the LORD,** and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.

1. This Ahaz reveals his own heart by shutting up the doors of the house of the Lord. He had no heart for God.

2. His wickedness (vss. 3-5)

 i. Punishment (vss. 5-8)

3. Ahaz seeks help from Assyria (v. 16)

**“At this time”** (v. 16) when he was so defeated by Syria and Ephraim.

 i. vss. 17, 18 – more punishment.

 ii. REASON – because of sin (v. 19).

 iii. That was the first appeal to Assyria for help. That gave Assyrians the occasion to meddle with the affairs of both kingdoms of Israel.

Assyria oppressed Ahaz and Judah (vss. 20, 21).

4. In the time of his distress he did even worse (vss. 22-27).

5. The temple is a type of your body (1 Cor. 6:19).

**Hezekiah** Езекия

2 Chron. 28:27 И уснул Ахаз с отцами своими, и похоронили его в городе, в Иерусалиме: но не внесли его в склепы царей Израиля: и воцарился **Езекия**, сын его, вместо него.

2 Chronicles 29:2 And he (king Hezekiah) **did *that which was* right** in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

v.3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, **opened the doors of the house of the LORD,** and repaired them.

1. King Hezekiah had the right heart attitude – v. 10 Now ***it is* in mine heart** to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

He had the fear of the Lord (Prov. 1:7, 29; 2 Cor. 7:1).

2. Notice –

 i. the preeminence of the words of God (v. 15).

 ii. cleansing (v. 16).

 iii. sanctification (vss. 5, 15-16, 19)

 iv. sacrifices (vss. 21-23)

 v. reconciliation, atonement, etc. (v. 24)

 vi. proper worship with proper music (v. 25-30)

 vii. thanksgiving (v. 31)

 viii. consecration (v. 33)

 ix. a good ‘problem’ (v.34) O God! Give us some more good problems.

 x. Service in the house of the Lord was **“set in order”** (v. 35).

3. It’s all in the preparation (v. 36).

4. The list is almost endless in chapters 31-33.

2 Chronicles 31:21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did ***it* with all his heart,** and prospered.

Do you prepare to receive the word of God?

If you’re not prepared you won’t be ready for the difficulties in life.

Ezra 7:10; Dan. 1:8

**2 Chron. 32:24-31**

1. He got sick (v. 24)

2. He was healed (v. 24; 2 Kings 20:7)

3. No thanksgiving (v. 25)

4. He humbled himself (v. 26)

3. He had a lot of riches (vss. 27-30)

4. God tried his heart (v. 31)

5. The wicked king of Babylon sent him a present. Hezekiah fell for it.

 i. Where did Hezekiah mess up? After he was healed from a sickness by humbling himself the king of Babylon, “…**sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick”** (2 Kings 20:12).

 ii. King Hezekiah ends up showing this wicked king everything that he had in the house of the Lord (v. 13.

 iii. That is what tied the rag on the bush for Hezekiah.

In 2 Chron. 32:14, 15 Isaiah the prophet pronounced the judgment to come (vss. 17, 18).

 -He let his heart deceive him when he was given a gift and was gullible to the sly move of the wicked king of Babylon. It was Babylonians that carried away King Hezekiah’s sons to Babylon.

2 Chron. 32:1 **“After these things…”** has to do with what the king Sennacherib wanted.

He got all kinds of gold and silver (2 Kings 18:13-15) but he wanted more.

 i. The world, flesh and the devil and never get enough. It’s like a bad habit. They’ll try to soak you for everything you’ve got.

 ii. The antichrist (Sennacherib) wants what the Jew has – money. Jews know how to make money and got the gold.

**Манассия Manasseh**

2 Chron. 32:33 И уснул Езекия с отцами своими, и похоронили его в главнейшем из склепов сыновей Давида: и почесть воздали ему по смерти его весь Иуда и жители Иерусалима. И воцарился **Манассия**, сын его, вместо него.

2 Chron. 33:12 And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and **humbled himself greatly** before the God of his fathers,

1. This was the worst king in Judah. The list of the wickedness of this man is unbelievable.

2. vss. 2-10 lists the abominations of this man.

3. v. 11 He was taken in captivity by the Assyrians.

4. The guy gets right, humbles himself **“greatly”** and God honored it.

5. The results – vss. 14-16 show the *building program* and the *revival* under this king.

 i. He did 10 great things after his repentance.

 **ILL.** A saved prisoner in one of the maximum security prisons in Texas told a preacher *“I had to get in prison to get out of prison.”*

 **ILL.** A preacher was told by 5 prisoners *“God had to put me in here to get my attention.”*

*APPLICATION:* No matter how far down you get, God is still willing and able to forgive you – NO MATTER WHAT! Amen! And He is willing to USE you just as you are.

**Иосия Josiah**

2 Chron. 33:25 ¶ Но народ земли убил всех, кто составил заговор против царя Амона; и сделал народ земли Иосию, сына его, царем вместо него.

2 Chronicles **34** Josiah was a great king

1 Иосии *было* восемь лет, когда он начал царствовать, и он царствовал в Иерусалиме тридцать и один год.

2 И **делал он *то, что было* правильным в очах ГОСПОДА,** и ходил путями Давида, отца своего, и *не* уклонялся *ни* направо, ни налево.

1. Began to reign when he was 8 years old.

2. Revival under Josiah –

 i. Idolatry destroyed (vss. 3-7),

 ii. Repaired the temple (v. 8),

 iii. The law was discovered (v. 16),

 iv. Sin discovered by the law (v. 18-21),

 v. the law was read to the people (vss. 29-30),

 vi. He made a covenant with God and the people (v. 31),

 vii. Further reformation (v. 33),

 viii. Passover was kept (ch. 35:1-16),

 ix. He kept the feast of Unleavened bread (vss. 17-19).

3. He ends up taking on too much. He got out of bounds.

He went to war against Necho, king of Egypt and was slain (2 Chron. 35:20-24).

21 Но он послал к нему послов, говоря, Что мне до тебя, ты, царь Иуды? *Иду я* не против тебя сегодня, но против дома, с которым у меня война: ибо Бог повелел мне поспешать: не **противься Богу**, который со мной, чтоб он не уничтожил тебя.

*APPLICATION:* Prov. 26:17 Кто проходит мимо, *и* **вмешивается** в ссору, к нему *не* *относящуюся*, тот *подобен* хватающему пса за уши.

Prov. 20:3 3 Честь для человека – прекратить ссору: а каждый глупец **вмешивается.**

4. 2 Chron. 35:22-24 He gets in ‘in the neck.’

He dies an early age because he got out of line, bit off more than he could chew, and stepped over the bounds AFTER he had others tell him NOT to do it.

 i. He shouldn’t have been messing with other people’s business.

 ii. He stepped out of line.

 iii. He didn’t stay in his own lane.

4 kings in one chapter – Jehoahaz, **Иегоахаз**; Eliakim Елиаким (Jehoiakim **Иегоиаким**)

Jehoiakin **Иегоиахин** Zekekiah **Зедекия**

**Иегоахаз**

2 Chronicles 36

1 Тогда взял народ земли **Иегоахаза**, сына Иосии, и сделали его царем, вместо отца его, в Иерусалиме.

2 Иегоахазу *было* двадцать и три года, когда он начал царствовать, и он царствовал три месяца в Иерусалиме.

3 И **низложил его царь Египта в Иерусалиме**, и осудил землю на сто талантов серебра и талант золота.

The king of Egypt takes down one king and puts up another (vss. 3, 4).

4 И **сделал царь Египта Елиакима, брата его, царем над Иудой и Иерусалимом,** и изменил имя его на Иегоиаким. И взял Нехо Иегоахаза, брата его, и отвел его в Египет.

He not only is calling the shots as a foreigner intermeddling with the affairs of Judah, he is even changing their names.

 i. That is changing their heritage, culture, etc.

**Иегоиаким** **Jehoiakim** did evil –

5 ¶ Иегоиакиму *было* двадцать и пять лет, когда он начал царствовать, и он царствовал одиннадцать лет в Иерусалиме: и делал он *то, что было* злом в очах ГОСПОДА Бога своего.

He gets bound and taken to Babylon –

6 Против него выступил Навуходоносор, царь Вавилона, и заковал его в кандалы, чтоб отвести его в Вавилон.

 i. It is a type of backsliding.

 ii. It is a type of letting another foreign power overtake you.

 Cf. Rom. 6:11-13

**Иегоиахин** Then comes the 3rd of the 4 kings before complete captivity –

**Jehoiachin** (v. 8)

8 Остальные же деяния Иегоиакима, и мерзости его, которые он делал, и то, что было найдено в нем, вот, они написаны в книге царей Израиля и Иуды: **и воцарился Иегоиахин, сын его, вместо него.**

9 ¶ Иегоиахину *было* восемнадцать лет, когда он начал царствовать, и он царствовал три месяца и десять дней в Иерусалиме: **и делал он *то, что было* злом в очах ГОСПОДА.**

Then king “Nebby” is calling the shots. He takes a king off the throne in Judah and called the shots as to who is next - Jedekiah (v. 10).

And finally the 4th king before absolute destruction –

10 А когда истек год, царь Навуходоносор послал, и привел его в Вавилон, с красивыми сосудами дома ГОСПОДНЕГО, **и сделал Зедекию, брата его, царем над Иудой и Иерусалимом.**

1. Now you’ve got two foreign kings calling the shots as to who should be reigning in Jerusalem.

 i. That is the result of wicked kings on the throne in Jerusalem.

 ii. That is the result of bad relations between the king and the Lord.

**Зедекия**

11 ¶ **Зедекии** *было* двадцать и один год, когда он начал царствовать, и царствовал одиннадцать лет в Иерусалиме.

12 И делал он *то, что было* злом в очах ГОСПОДА Бога своего, *и* не смирился перед Иеремией пророком, *говорящим* от уст ГОСПОДНИХ.

13 И взбунтовался он также против царя Навуходоносора, который заставил его поклясться Богом: но он напряг шею свою, и ожесточил сердце свое, чтоб не обратиться к ГОСПОДУ Богу Израиля.

1. This king could care less what the preacher preached. He could care less what God said.

*APPLICATION:* When you get away from the “Book” you are concurring trouble from all sides.

4. He made all the others to stumble after him –

14 ¶ **Кроме того, все главные из священников, и народ, очень много преступали в соответствии со всеми мерзостями язычников; и загрязняли дом ГОСПОДА, который он освятил в Иерусалиме.**

15 И посылал к ним ГОСПОДЬ Бог отцов их, посланников своих, вставая рано, и посылая; потому что он имел сострадание к народу своему, и к месту обитания своего:

16 Но они издевались над посланниками Бога, и презирали слова его, и плохо обращались с пророками его, пока не поднялась ярость ГОСПОДА на народ его, пока не *стало там* средства излечения.

1. There was no remedy left. Sin affected everybody, even the children.

2. Everything was burnt up (vss. 17, 18).

3. The walls were broken down (v. 19).

20 И тех, кто избег меча, он увел в Вавилон; где они были слугами его и сыновей его до царствования царства Персии:

1. Here is a key verse in time of persecution – as long as you submit to punishment God gives a way out.

2. Then the captivity and turning of the captivity comes (vss. 21-23). Amen.

*APPLICATION:*

You’d better take heed to yourself.

Take care of the vessel God has given you.

You are bought with a price. Glorify God and don’t give place to the world, flesh, or the devil.