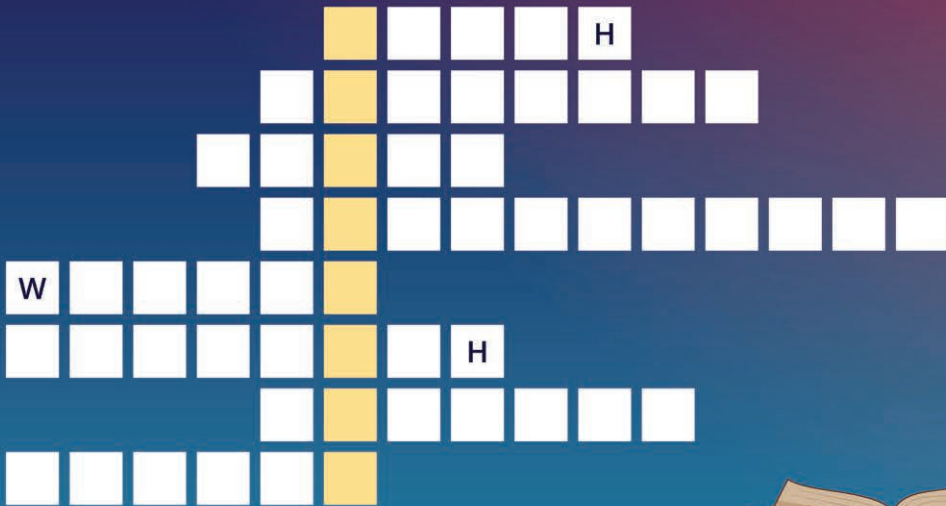




## 2 Chronicles

FILL IN THE BLANK SPACES, AND THEN FIT THE WORDS INTO THE GRID. THE HIGHLIGHTED LETTERS SPELL THE NAME OF A PROPHET.

- Solomon asked God for \_\_\_\_\_ instead of riches. (2 Chronicles 1)
- After Solomon's death, his son \_\_\_\_\_ became king. (2 Chronicles 9)
- The kingdom divided into Israel and \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 Chronicles 10)
- King \_\_\_\_\_ prayed 'neither know we what to do; but our eyes *are* upon thee'. (2 Chronicles 20)
- King \_\_\_\_\_ trusted the LORD when Sennacherib invaded Judah. (2 Chronicles 32)
- King \_\_\_\_\_ repaired the House of the LORD. (2 Chronicles 34)
- The people were made captives and taken to \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 Chronicles 36)
- The Persian king \_\_\_\_\_ allowed the Jews to return home to build the House of the LORD. (2 Chronicles 36)



The prophet's name is \_\_\_\_\_



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## Mary

In the New Testament we read of a woman named Mary. She was chosen by God to be the earthly mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. Mary lived in the town of Nazareth in Galilee and was engaged to marry a man named Joseph.

One day, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to speak to Mary. The Bible says, 'And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art* highly favoured, the Lord *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women' (Luke 1.28). Gabriel told Mary that she would have a son, and that His name would be Jesus. The angel said, 'He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David' (Luke 1.32).

Mary asked how this could happen, since she had not known a man. The angel explained that, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow

thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God' (Luke 1.35). He said, 'For with God nothing shall be impossible' (Luke 1.37). Mary believed the promise of God and humbly answered, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word' (Luke 1.38).

Later, Mary travelled with Joseph to Bethlehem. Jesus was born while they were there. The Bible says: 'And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because



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there was no room for them in the inn' (Luke 2.7). Angels told the shepherds, 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2.11). When the shepherds told Mary and Joseph what they had heard from the angels, 'Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart' (Luke 2.19). She believed God even when she did not understand everything.

When Jesus was twelve years old, He visited Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph for the feast of the Passover. After the Passover, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without Mary and Joseph realising. After three days they found Him in the temple. Mary said, 'Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?' (Luke 2.48). Jesus replied, 'I must be about my Father's business' (Luke 2.49). Even as a boy, Jesus knew that God was His Father.

Mary was also present at a wedding in Cana of Galilee. It was here Jesus performed His first miracle. When the wine ran out, Mary knew that Jesus would be able to help, and she told the servants: ' whatsoever he saith unto you, do it' (John 2.5). She and many others watched as Jesus turned water into wine.

The Bible also tells us that Mary stood near the Cross when Jesus was crucified. While He was suffering, He spoke to Mary and made sure she would be cared for. He committed her to the care of one of His disciples.

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended to Heaven, the disciples gathered to pray. Mary was with them. Acts 1.14 says: 'These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren'. Mary herself needed the same Saviour as every other sinner. As a believer and follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, she prayed with the disciples and trusted in the Lord.

Mary was highly favoured because God chose her for a special task. Yet she called herself 'the handmaid of the Lord'. She believed God's Word and obeyed Him. The Bible does not teach us to worship Mary; it teaches us to worship God alone. Mary herself said, 'My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour' (Luke 1.46-47). Mary believed that her son was the Son of God, the promised Messiah, and her Saviour.

**'When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home'** (John 19.26-27).



## 2 Chronicles

2 Chronicles follows on from the book of 1 Chronicles. It focuses on the history of the southern kingdom of Judah from the time of King Solomon's reign to the Babylonian exile, highlighting the construction of the Temple, and then turning to the kings of Judah. Some kings loved God and directed their people to follow Him, while others did wrong and led the people astray.

**When the people prayed, obeyed, and trusted God, He helped them and blessed them. One example is Jehoshaphat, who was in great trouble. He prayed to the Lord for help and received an answer,**

'Ye shall not *need* to [redacted] in this *battle*: set yourselves, [redacted] ye *still*, and see the [redacted] of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: [redacted] not, nor be [redacted]; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* [redacted] you' (2 Chronicles 20.17).

**At other times, when the people forsook or disobeyed God, He punished them. However, even then, God was patient.**

'If my people, which are [redacted] by my name, shall [redacted] themselves, and [redacted], and [redacted] my face, and turn from their [redacted] ways; then will I [redacted] from heaven, and will [redacted] their sin, and will [redacted] their land' (2 Chronicles 7.14).

**One king, Manasseh, was very wicked and did worse than the heathen whom the Lord had cast out. The Lord punished him by sending the Assyrians to take him prisoner. The Bible says that Manasseh**

' [redacted] the LORD his God, and [redacted] himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and [redacted] unto him: and he was intreated of him, and [redacted] his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh [redacted] that the LORD he *was* God' (2 Chronicles 33.12-13).

**For many years, God sent messengers (prophets) to warn His people to return to Him. But they refused to listen. Eventually, as punishment, the kingdom of Judah was conquered by the Babylonians, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the people were taken away as captives to a foreign land. However, the mercy of God is seen in the last two verses of the book when He stirred up Cyrus, King of Persia, who said,**

'All the [redacted] of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in [redacted], which is in [redacted]. Who *is there* among you of all his [redacted]? The LORD his God *be* [redacted] him, and let him go up' (2 Chronicles 36.23).

