

Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 1

Second Chronicles begins with the establishment of David's son Solomon as king over the united commonwealth of Israel – God's Old Testament people. In that era, both the civil authorities (kings, tribal chiefs & leaders – see v2) and the ecclesiastical authorities (Levites & priests) worked collaboratively according to God's Law. Insofar as they did so as 'covenant keepers' they would enjoy God's blessing. If they didn't, they would forego it. Solomon's petition for wisdom & knowledge represented true virtue & humility before God. Accordingly, his reign was marked by material splendour (vs 12, 15-16), military might (v14), international acclaim (v16-17).

Notice, it was God who exalted Solomon (v1). Great civil rulers represent a rich blessing from God upon a people. In Daniel, we read of king Nebuchadnezzar supposing his exaltation was somehow due to his own inherent wisdom & strength, etc. But this is what he learns:

"This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men." (Dan 4:17)

Even so we are being tyrannised by ungodly executive civil authority NOW by divine decree. Why? Because God operates providentially His rule by covenant (see Deut 28).

- *What might we have done (i) as a Church & (ii) as a nation to deserve this affliction we find ourselves suffering under?*