

## 2 KINGS – LESSON NINE

### I. THE REIGN OF HEZEKIAH OVER JUDAH (Chapters 18-20).

- A. Begin to reign in the third year of Hoshea, King of Israel at the age of 25 (18:1-2).
  - 1. Reigned 29 years.
  - 2. Mother's name was Abi, the daughter of Zechariah.
- B. Character of Hezekiah (18:3-7a).
  - 1. Did right in the eyes of Jehovah – like David.
  - 2. Cast down the objects of idolatry.
  - 3. Cleansed Temple (2 Chron. 29:3-19).
  - 4. Reconsecrated the Temple (2 Chron. 29:20-36).
  - 5. Makes preparations for all to keep the Passover feast (2 Chron. 30:1-22; 23-27).
  - 6. Reestablishing the Priests and Levites according to their courses (2 Chron. 31:2-21).
  - 7. Clave to Jehovah and kept His commandments – God prospered him- Wealth (cf. 2 Chron. 32:23, 27-29).
- C. Hezekiah throws off the Assyrian yoke ( 18:7b).
- D. Hezekiah's successful Philistine campaign (18:8).
- E. Israel carried off into Assyrian captivity in the 4-6 years of Hezekiah's reign over Judah (18:9-12).
- F. Sennacherib's first Invasion of Judah (18:13-16).
  - 1. Sennacherib comes up against fenced cities of Judah and took them in the fourteeneth year of Hezekiah's reign.
  - 2. Hezekiah sends messengers to Sennacherib at Lachish saying he will bear what Sennacherib will put on him.
  - 3. Hzekeiah meets Sennacherib's demands – 300 talents of silver and 30 talents of gold.
- G. Sennacerib's second invasion of Judah (18:17-19:37).
  - 1. Sennacherib enters Judah – Hezekiah's precautions (cf. 2 Chron. 32:1-8).
  - 2. The advance against Jerusalem : Rabshakeh's message (2 Kings 18:17-25; 2 Chron. 32:9-15).
  - 3. The reply of Hezekiah's ministers (18:26).
  - 4. The futher insolence of Rabshakeh ( 18:27-35; 2 Chron. 32:16, 18, 19).
  - 5. The despair of Hezekiah's ministers (18:36-37).
  - 6. Hezekiah's message to Isaiah (19:1-5).
  - 7. Isaiah's strengthening answer ( 19:6-7).
  - 8. Rabshakeh's departure ( 19:8).
  - 9. Sennacherib's blasphemous letter to Hezekiah ( 19:9-13; 2 Chron. 32:17).
  - 10. Hezekiah's prayer (19:14-19; 2 Chron. 32:20).
  - 11. Jehovah's encouraging answer through Isaiah (19:20-34).
  - 12. Jehovah's overthrow of the Assyrians (19:35-36).

- H. Hezekiah's illness and recovery (20:1-11).
- I. Hezekiah's reception of the Babylonian Embassy (20:12-19)
- J. Building of pool and conduit into the city - The death of Hezekiah – Manasseh reigns in his place (20:20-21).

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Hezekiah's good character was (a) enhanced by his father's good character; (b) despite his father's evil character.
2. What had the brazen serpent, commanded by God to be constructed by Moses in his day, become in Hezekiah's day?
3. What did Hezekiah call the brazen serpent?
4. What steps did Hezekiah take to reform the Temple?
5. What Jewish feast did Hezekiah prepare for and command to be kept?
6. How did this feast stand out in keeping it from other times in history when it was kept?

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7. Looking to Hezekiah for an example, what is involved in “cleaving to Jehovah”?
8. How was Hezekiah blessed by Jehovah?
9. In what year of Hezekiah’s reign was the Northern Kingdom, Israel taken into Assyrian captivity?
10. In comparing 2 Kings 17:7 with 2 Kings 18:12, what two points are found in Israel sinning against the Lord that precipitated their going into foreign captivity?
11. How did Hezekiah react to the first invasion of Sennacherib, the King of Assyria?
12. To strike fear into people of Judah, what theme did the master of the King of Assyria, Rabshakeh, emphasize to Judah?
13. What did Hezekiah do to overcome fear?
14. What did God do to overcome the Assyrian invasion?
15. What happened to Sennacherib when he returned to Nineveh?
16. What news did Hezekiah receive that drove him to weeping and prayer?

17. God never offers a miraculous sign when demanded by those who seek to believe.  
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18. How was Hezekiah's prayer answered?
19. Why did the son of the King of Babylon come to visit Hezekiah?
20. What did Hezekiah do that caused God through Isaiah to rebuke him?
21. What was Hezekiah's response to Isaiah's prophecy?
22. What building project did Hezekiah complete in his days?