

The King Brings Revival - Hezekiah

2 Kings 18-20 · 2 Chronicles 29-32 · Isaiah 36-39

Revival restores life as God intended 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31

"For he clung to the Lord; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the Lord had commanded Moses." 2 Kings 18:6

- King Hezekiah removed altars and idols throughout Judah. 2 Kings 18:3-6; 2 Chronicles 29:1-19
 "He removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called Nehushtan." 2 Kings 18:4 "Then he said to them, 'Listen to me, O Levites. Consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the Lord, the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out from the holy place." 2 Chronicles 29:5
- King Hezekiah restored proper worship in Jerusalem. 2 Chronicles 29-31

 "In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the Lord and repaired them.

 He brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered them into the square on the east." 2 Chronicles 29:3-4
- King Hezekiah rebels against the enemies of Judah. 2 Chronicles 28:3-4 "...And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. He defeated the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city." 2 Kings 18:7-8

Revival seeks a reliance on God 2 Kings 18:13-19:37; 2 Chronicles 32; Isaiah 36-37 "Then Rabshakeh said to them, 'Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you have? You say (but they are only empty words), 'I have counsel and strength for the war.' Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?'" 2 Kings 18:19-20

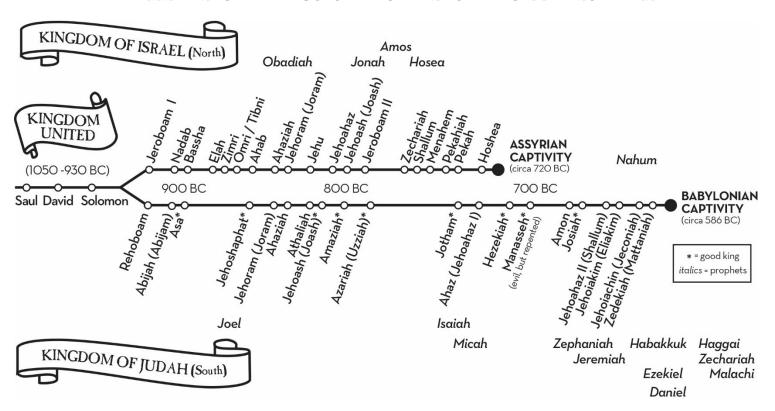
- The enemy will always try to undermine our reliance on God 2 Kings 18:28-30 "Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean, saying, 'Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. Thus says the king, "Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you from my hand; nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, 'The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." 2 Kings 18:28-30
- The enemy will over-promise and under-deliver 2 Kings 18:31-32 "Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, 'Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern, until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live and not die.' But do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you, saying, 'The Lord will deliver us.'" 2 Kings 18:31-32
- Reliance on God requires commitment 2 Kings 19:14-19
 "Now, O Lord our God, I pray, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, O Lord, are God." 2 Kings 19:19

Revival literally restores life 2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chronicles 32:24-26; Isaiah 38

- God, in His mercy, relents 2 Chronicles 32:24-26

 "But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit he received, because his heart was proud; therefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem. However, Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come on them in the days of Hezekiah." 2 Chronicles 32:25-26
- God sees our tears 2 Kings 20:5
 "Thus says the Lord, the God of your father David, 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you." 2 Kings 20:5
- Revival, for us, ultimately comes through a Greater King, at the cross Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

TIMELINE OF KINGS & PROPHETS IN OLD TESTAMENT



NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Like Hezekiah reformed life for the people of Judah, your life might need reform. God says in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." To learn more about the forgiveness Jesus offers, read through the pamphlet located in the seat racks called "The Way to Connect with God", or talk to one of the pastors or leaders after this morning's service. You can also learn more at calvarylife.org/jesus
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