

HEZEKIAH, OUTSTANDING KING OF JUDAH

2 Kings 18 - 20

Periodically, Judah's good kings were able to turn their people back to the Lord, so that their nation was spared for some 135 years after Israel was taken captive. Outstanding among these good kings was Hezekiah. Study below about his reign:

A. The Beginning of Hezekiah's Reign: Read 2 Kings 18:1-12

1. What did Hezekiah do as he began his reign? 2 Kings 18:4a

2. What had Ahaz promised Assyria for help against his enemies, Syria and Israel? 2 Kings 16:7

3. What did Hezekiah do after he began to reign? 2 Kings 18:7b

B. Assyria's First Threat: Read 2 Kings 18:13-16

1. What did Assyria do in Hezekiah's fourteenth year? 2 Kings 18:13

2. What did Hezekiah promise to do as a result? 2 Kings 18:14

3. What did Hezekiah have to do to pay what he had promised? 2 Kings 18:15, 16

C. Assyria's Second Threat: Read 2 Kings 18:17– 19:8

1. Later, at what city did the king of Assyria encamp? 2 Kings 18:17 (See a map)

2. Against what did his messengers warn the king and people of Judah? 2 Kings 18:19, 22, 28-30

3. What proof did he give that Judah would not be able to resist him? 2 Kings 18:33-35

4. When king Hezekiah heard of this threat, what two things did he do?
 - a. 2 Kings 19:1 _____
 - b. 2 Kings 19:2-4 _____
5. What was God's message to Hezekiah through Isaiah? 2 Kings 19:6, 7

6. What temporarily delayed Assyria's attack against Jerusalem? 2 Kings 19:8, 9a

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D. Assyria's Third Threat: Read 2 Kings 19:9-37

1. Later, when Hezekiah received another threat from Assyria, what did he do? 2 Kings 19:14

2. What did Hezekiah then ask God to do? 2 Kings 19:19a

3. Why did he ask God to do this? 2 Kings 19:19b

4. What message did God send to Hezekiah through Isaiah? 2 Kings 19:20b

5. What did God say He would do to the King of Assyria? 2 Kings 19:28

6. What did God say the Kings would not be allowed to do? 2 Kings 19:32

7. Why did God say He would defend and save the city? 2 Kings 19:34

8. After this, what happened to the armies of the King of Assyria? 2 Kings 19:35

9. What happened to the King himself? 2 Kings 19:37

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What made it possible for the tiny country of Judah to overcome the threats of the great country of Assyria? 2 Chronicles 32:7, 8

2. To whom do I go--upon whom do I depend for help--when I face great problems?
