Hezekiah: God Strengthens

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2 Chron 29-32 + 2 Kings 18-20



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SHAARETZ

How Mice May Have Saved Jerusalem 2,700 Years Ago From the Terrifying Assyrians

The entire region quailed before King Sennacherib, known for horribly torturing rebel monarchs, but he didn't kill King Hezekiah. Inquiring minds have been asking why ever since

According to the Greek historian Herodotus





Who is Hezekiah? = Yahweh strengthens

Mentioned in 11 Chapters: 2 Kings 18-20 & 2 Chron 29-32 & Isa 36-39

Kings	Yrs. of Reign	Dates B.C.	Mentioned in the bible	
Rehoboam	17	976-959	43	David
Abijah	3	959-956	27	Daviu
Asa	41	956-915	39	= 983
Jehoshaphat	25	915-893	77	
Jehoram (Joram)	8	893-886	23	
Ahaziah	1	886-885	34	_
Athaliah (Queen)	6	885-879	17	
Joash (Jehoash)	40	879-840	48	-
Amaziah	29	840-811	40	-
Uzziah (Azariah)	52	811-759	33	
Jotham	18	759-743	26	Solomon
Ahaz	19	743-727	76	
Hezekiah	29	727-698	124	= 279
Manasseh	55	698-643	49	
Amon	2	643-640	26	
Josiah (Josias)	31	640-609	54	
Jehoahaz (Joahaz)	(3 months)	609	21	
Jehoiakim	11	609-597	37	
Jehoiachin	(3 months)	597	12	
Zedekiah	11	597-586	65	



Who is Hezekiah?

2 Chron 29 Hezekiah became king when he was twenty-five years old; and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem.2 He did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done.



Who is Hezekiah?

2 Kings 18:3 He did right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done.... 5 He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him.



God strengthened Hezekiah: When he was doing His will. (did right in His sight).

When he humbled himself before Him. *(when he did wrong).*

When he looked to God. (when he was overwhelmed).



God strengthens us: When we are doing His will. (do right in His sight).

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<u>2 Chron 29</u>: Consecrated the temple

V5-19 Consecrated the Priests & Levites & Temple V20-30 **Restored Temple Worship** V31-36 **Corporate Sacrifice and Worship**



<u>2 Chron 29</u>: Consecrated the temple

5 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 <u>carry the</u> <u>uncleanness out from the holy place</u>.



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36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what <u>God had prepared</u> for the people, because <u>the thing came</u> <u>about suddenly.</u>



<u>2 Chron 30</u>: Restored Passover for ALL

1Now Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah and wrote letters <u>also to Ephraim</u> <u>and Manasseh</u>, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem to <u>celebrate the Passover</u> to the Lord God of Israel.



<u>2 Chron 30</u>: Restored Passover for ALL

9 For if you <u>return to the Lord</u>, your brothers and your sons will find compassion before those who led them captive and will <u>return to this land</u>. For the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate, and will not turn His face away from you if you <u>return to Him</u>."



<u>2 Chron 30</u>: Restored Passover for ALL

12 The hand of God was also on Judah to give them one heart to do what the king and the princes commanded by the word of the Lord.



God strengthens us: <u>2 Chron 31</u>: Reformed the temple worship

3 He also appointed the king's portion of his goods for the burnt offerings, namely, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths and for the new moons and for the fixed festivals, <u>as it is written in the</u> <u>law of the Lord.</u>



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4 Also he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves <u>to the law of</u> <u>the Lord.</u>

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20 Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and <u>he did what was good, right</u> and true before the Lord his God. 21 Every work which he began in the service of the house of God <u>in law and in</u> <u>commandment</u>, seeking his God, he did with all his heart and <u>prospered.</u>



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When we humble ourselves before Him. = do right in His sight; don't run away.

When we look to Jesus.

2 Kings 18:13 Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them. 14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, **"I have done wrong. Withdraw from me; whatever you impose on me I will bear."** So the king of Assyria required of Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 2 Kings 18:15 Hezekiah gave him all the silver which was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasuries of the king's house. 16 At that time Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the doorposts which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.



When we humble ourselves before Him.

2 Kings 19:1 And when King Hezekiah <u>heard it</u>, he <u>tore his clothes</u>, <u>covered</u> <u>himself with sackcloth</u> and <u>entered the</u> <u>house of the Lord.</u>



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2 Kings 19: 2 Then he sent Eliakim who was over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for children have come to birth and there is no strength to deliver.



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2 Kings 19: 4 Perhaps the Lord your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent <u>to reproach the living God</u>, and will rebuke the words which the Lord your God has heard. Therefore, <u>offer a prayer</u> <u>for the remnant that is left</u>.'"



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2 Kings 19: 14 Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the Lord and <u>spread it out before the</u> <u>Lord.</u>



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2 Kings 19:15 Hezekiah prayed before the Lord and said, "O Lord, the God of Israel, who are *enthroned above the cherubim*, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 Incline Your ear, O Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, O Lord, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God.



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2 Kings 19:17 Truly, O Lord, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands 18 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. 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

<u>God."</u>

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2 Kings 20:12 At that time Berodachbaladan a son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he <u>heard that Hezekiah had been sick</u>.



2 Kings 20:13 Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all his treasure house, the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil and the house of his **armor** and all that was found in **his** treasuries. There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.



2 Kings 20:14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, *"What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?"* And Hezekiah said, *"They have come from a far country, from Babylon."*



2 Kings 20:15 He said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen <u>all that is in</u> <u>my house</u>; there is <u>nothing among my</u> <u>treasuries that I have not shown them</u>."



2 Kings 20:16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord. 17 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and <u>all that your</u> <u>fathers have laid up in store to this day</u> <u>will be carried to Babylon; nothing shall</u> <u>be left,' says the Lord.</u>



2 Kings 20:18 'Some of your sons who shall issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away; and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon." 19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, *"The word of the Lord which you*" have spoken is good." For he thought, "Is it not so, if there will be peace and truth in my days?"

The "Good-but" Kings & their imperfect reign

King	Imperfect Reign	
Asa	His lack of faith led him to rely on the King of Syria rather than trust in God to save him	
Jehoshaphat	His moral apathy led him to associate with evil King Ahab of Israel	
Joash	His reliance on the faith of others, rather than having his own walk with God, led him to commit apostacy	
Uzziah	His pride led him to offer unauthorized incense	
Jotham	Did not enter the temple of God. Did not remove the high places.	
Hezekiah	Pride in his own wealth & accomplishment. Lack of concerns for future generation.	

Comparison with Hezekiah and Jesus

King Hezekiah	King Jesus
Consecrated the temple worship.	
Reformed the temple sacrifices.	
Celebrated the Passover.	
Cried out for healing.	
Battled against King Sennacherib.	
Ignored the future generation.	Ť
He is dead.	

Comparison with Hezekiah and Jesus

King Hezekiah	King Jesus
Consecrated the temple worship.	He is our Tabernacle. (Jn1:14)
Reformed the temple sacrifices.	He is our perfect Sacrifice. (Heb10:10)
Celebrated the Passover.	He is the Passover Lamb. (1Cor5:7)
Cried out for healing.	He is our Healer. (1 Pet2:24)
Battled against King Sennacherib.	He is our Victory (2 Cor 2:14)
Ignored the future generation.	He died for all generations. (Heb2:9)
He is dead.	He is alive!



God strengthens us:

When we look to Jesus.

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Him who <u>strengthens me</u>.

2 Thess3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

Ps 29:11 The Lord will <u>give strength</u> to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace.

1 Chron 16:11 Seek the Lord and <u>His</u> strength; Seek His face continually.



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