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Background Reading:

- Isaiah 36:1-10
  - 37:1-7
  - 38:15
- 2 Kings 18:13
  - 19:1-5
- 2 Chronicles 32:20

Devotional Reading:

- 1 Kings 18:1-10

Guided Questions

1. Who was Hezekiah?
2. How did his life affect the lives of Judah?
3. What did he do to change the destiny of Israel?
4. What happened when he got sick?

Background Reading

Isaiah 36:1-10

1 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.

4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

5 I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words) I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.

Background Reading

Isaiah 36:1-10

7 But if thou say to me, We trust in the Lord our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?

8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

10 And am I now come up without the Lord against this land to destroy it? the Lord said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

Background Reading

Isaiah 37:1-7

1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

2 And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be the Lord thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

Background Reading

Isaiah 37:1-7

6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

Isaiah 38:15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.

2 Kings 18:13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

Background Reading

2 Kings 19:1-5

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Background Reading

2 Chronicles 32:20 And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

Devotional Reading

1 Kings 18:1-10

1 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

3 And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly:

4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

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Devotional Reading

1 Kings 18:1-10

6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?

8 And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me?

10 As the Lord thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

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Central Verse

Isaiah 37:1 (KJV)

"And it came to pass, when King Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord."

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INTRODUCTION

King Hezekiah was the son of Ahaz and the thirteenth king of Judah. He was a young man, barely twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. He was the grandson of Zechariah, the father of his mother Abi. The Bible said that he did what was right in the eyes of the lord, although his father was a wicked king. His reign was marked by his significant religious reforms and his revolt against the Assyrian Empire. He witnessed the destruction of the northern kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians under Sargon 11 in 722 BC and later faced the siege of Jerusalem by King Sennacherib in 701 BC. King Hezekiah spent much time consolidating worship around God and excluding worship of other gods, especially the golden calf that Aaron set up for the people.

INTRODUCTION

He removed the high places (places for pagan worship) and broke the sacred pillars. He cut down the wooden image and broke the bronze serpent that Moses had made into pieces. He kept the commands that God gave to Moses, and because God was With him. he prospered wherever he went. He is one of the most prominent kings of Judah and is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.

DISCUSSION

It's important that young people understand that they must be accountable for their own actions. For every man must give account for his own deeds. Hezekiah chose to govern righteously as king of Judah. He did not allow the fact that his Father was wicked and evil to direct his life. He was godly, trusted in the Lord, and served Him.

During the early days of Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib, the King of Assyria, invaded Judah with the intention of capturing Jerusalem. The field commander of Sennacherib's army attempted to undermine the people's confidence in the Lord through intimidation, lies, and arguments that the God of Judah was not strong enough to deliver them. The Assyrian leader Rabshakeh tried to get the men of Judah to join in with them. They listened and obeyed Hezekiah and refused to answer Rabshakeh.

DISCUSSION

When Hezekiah heard what the enemy was saying, he took sackcloth and ashes and went into the house of the Lord. There should not be anything that comes upon believers that they should not be able to pray about. 2 Chronicles twenty and nine tells the believers that "If when evil comes upon them as the sword, judgment, or pestilence or famine, they stand in the house of the lord, call Him and He will hear them and help them". So, the Servants of Hezekiah went to the man of God, Isaiah, and he told them not to be afraid of the enemy's words. He let them know that God was going to handle their enemies and He would cause them to be destroyed by their own sword. The Lord had Jeremiah tell His people in Jeremiah 1:19 to understand that they shall fight against them, but "they would not prevail against them". God let the believers know that He was with them to deliver them.

DISCUSSION

Sometimes it becomes difficult to remember that the battle belongs to God. In times of trouble the best thing that a believer can do is seek the Lord and find out what His will is concerning the matter Hezekiah's reign was noted by Prophetic activity, with prophets such as Isaiah and Micah delivering their messages during his time. Hezekiah tried to appease the Assyrians by sending tributes to Sennacherib, but it failed to stop the Assyrians from attacking Jerusalem. That's when God had to intervene for Judah and give them victory.

DISCUSSION

The days came when Hezekiah got sick unto death. Isaiah, the prophet, the son of Amoz came unto him and gave him a message from the Lord. The Lord told him to tell Hezekiah to get his house in order, for he would die and not live. Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed unto the Lord. Hezekiah reminded God of how faithful he had been to him, walked before Him in truth, and had done that which was right before Him. He wept and let God know that he didn't want to die. The Lord lets the believers know that they could make their request known unto Him. The Lord spoke to Isaiah to go and give Hezekiah a word from Him. The Lord told Isaiah to tell Hezekiah that the God of David thy father had heard his prayer and had seen his tears: and behold He would add fifteen years to his life. God assured Hezekiah that He would deliver him and the city out of the hand of the king of Assyria and that He would defend the city.

CONCLUSION

Our God is a loving God and He loved and cared for Hezekiah during this very painful time, God showed His love and compassion to Hezekiah. After Hezekiah received a word from the Lord, he decided that he needed to sing a hymn of thanksgiving to the Lord. Praise is a normal response for the believers and God takes pleasure in the praises from His believers. Because of all the wonderful works that he did to build the kingdom of God and help the people turn wholly to God and His worship. 2 Kings 18:5 says, "No king of Judah, among either his predecessors or his successors could be compared to him."

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

When believers obey the will of God, they can freely make their request unto God.

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