**Fellowship Church, Adult Sunday School Handout**  **August 2, 2020 / W.H**.

Series: The Kings of Israel: Lessons, Admonitions, and Wisdom (9 of 12 series)

**Title:** Four Lessons and Admonitions from Four Kings **Text:** II Kings 16-21

**Background:** United Kingdom (foundations), Divided Kingdoms (good and evil), and the good Prophets (wisdom)

1. **We must define and understand the term “Eyes of the LORD”**

**Old Testament. Grace: Genesis 6:8 (KJV)** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Deu 13:18, 1 Ki 15:5, Pro 21:2.

**Song of Solomon 1**:15 (KJV) thou *hast* doves' eyes. **King Solomon to the Shulamite woman – a growing relationship**

(1st coming) **4**:9a (KJV)thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes,

(contrast Rev 1:14) **6**:5 (KJV)Turn away thine eyes from me, for they have overcome me:

**New Testament. Jesus sends out the 70 witnesses in Luke 10:17-24.** Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. Rejoice for your names are written in heaven.

**Unbeliever’s Salvation: Acts 26**:18a (KJV)To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God,

**Believer’s Sanctification: Ephesians 1**:18 (KJV)The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;

**2.** Today we are communal kings and priests, a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9), and communal prophets, 1 Cor 14.

God’s special hand is still on individual kings over nations. Proverbs 16, Romans 13:1-7, and 1 Timothy 2:1-4.

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| **Hoshea** (I) (EEL) 9 years. 2Ki 17:1-41. EEL but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. Pretended to serve the king of Assyria and gave him presents, while looking for help from the king of Egypt. The LORD was very angry with Israel, and **removed them out of his sight**. Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. People from many nations are relocated to Israel. God sends lions, they are taught to worship the true god, **they fear the LORD** **and serve their own gods**. **(L1) Mixing false and true worship.** Last king of the northern kingdom of Israel. The sins of Jeroboam the first king at 931 BC worsened until their fall to Assyria in 722 BC = 209 yrs. Judah will last 135 years more until they fall to Babylon in 586 BC.   |
| **Ahaz** (J) (EEL) 16 yrs. 2Ki 16:1-20. He made his son pass through the fire (god Molech). He sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. **(L2) False worship cancels true worship in 9 steps.**  |
| **Hezekiah** (J) **(REL-David, Good/Fair)** 29 yrs.2Ki 18:1-20:21. 1% of Bible. Good 1st 14 years, 18:1-13.1-removed the high places, 2-broke the images, 3-cut down the groves4-broke in pieces the **brazen serpent**, which they burnt incense to. (Nu 21:4-9, Jn 3:9-15, Nehushtan–thing of brass)5-**trusted in the LORD God of Israel**  700 yrs later 6-prospered (built Hezekiah’s Tunnel water supply, to prepare for siege by Assyrians)7-rebelled against the king of Assyria and served him not, victorious in battles.**(L3) Loving this world with Hezekiah, 1John 4:18** his last 15 years. 18:13-20:21.***Fear,*** 1-sent 300 talents of silver and 75 talents of gold to Assyrian king at **Lachish-** I have offended you, go away (Assyrian kings speaks and writes against the God of Israel, Isaiah gives hope, Hezekiah prays, 185K soldiers die)***Pride,*** 2- At 39 years old (25+14=39) deathly ill. Isaiah tells to get house in order. Prayer, healed, sign, get well letter from the king of Babylon, shows treasures to king of Babylon and Isaiah prophesied loss, ***Selfish,*** 3 - fulfilled 120 years later. Hezekiah’s pride displays blessings, and prevents showing the blesser (true worship in the temple).  |
| **Manasseh** (J) (EEL)Baal. 55 yrs. 2Ki 21:1-18. He walked in the abominations of the heathen. **Very Evil.**1-Built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed 2-Built altars for Baal worship3-Made a grove as Ahab his father4-Worshipped the host of heaven, and served them – built altars in the two courts of the temple5-Sacrificed son to Molech. 6-Practice astrology, necromancy, witches and warlocks (tradition-sawed Isaiah in half).7-The LORD stretches the line of Samaria over Jerusalem, and the plummet of the house of Ahab.2 Chr 33:11-19. When captured by Assyrians he repented and prayed, then returned to Jerusalem to remove the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. **(L4) The very evil may repent and receive God’s mercy.****Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, [yet] unto the LORD their God only.** |
| **Amon** (J) (EEL) Baal. 2 yrs. 2Ki 21:19-26. Same as his father Manasseh. His servants conspired and slayed him. His son Josiah became king. Buried in garden, same as his father Manasseh, not buried with David. |

**Q – What are the 9 steps false worship cancels true worship with King Ahaz?**

A1 – Practiced false worship to begin with. (16:1-4)

A2 – Looks for man to deliver him from his fear and discomfort. (16:5-7)

A3 – Takes the things of God’s perfect design and riches to pay the enemy for his safety. (16:8-9)

A4 – Builds a false altar at the location of true worship. (16:10-11)

A5 – Allows false worship at the location of true worship. (16:12-13)

A6 – Brings the altar of true worship next to altar of false worship. (16:14)

A7 – Worships in the place of God’s ordained position of priest. (16:15-16)

A8 – Removes parts of the altar of true worship. (16:17)

A9 – Removes personal access to true worship. (16:18)

Application: I know the altar of true worship is perfect, complete, and worthy of my greatest attention and continual faith. (Hebrews 11:1-3, 6)

Quiet Time hint: Daily time in Scripture and prayer help us discern and not compromise the true worship at the altar of God in heaven.

**3. Application:** I have fought the good fight. I have finished [my course], I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:6-8.

Sept 9: Today, What are the High Places with Sacrifices and Incense? **Text:** II Kings 22-25

One good king with a heart like David (Josiah) and 4 evil kings (series: part 10 of 12)

Wednesday: Come to church or listen on-line together for prayer service at 6:30. I will cover Lamentations part 2, 3:40-5:21

**2 Kings 18:5. Commentaries (context of 18:4-6)**

4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for to those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it a Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor [any] that were before him. 6 For he clave to the LORD, [and] departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses.

**Cokes Commentary. After him was none like him among all the kings of Judah.**—This does not contradict what is said of Josiah (**2Ki** 23:25). Hezekiah was preeminent for his *trust* in Jehovah, Josiah for his *strict adherence to the Mosaic Law.*

**John Gill. nor any that were before him**; from the times of the division of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah; and Ben Gersom and Abarbinel think that David and Solomon are not to be excepted; David sinning in the case of Uriah, and Solomon falling into idolatry, crimes that Hezekiah was not guilty of.

**Matthew Poole.** **He trusted in the Lord God of Israel,** without calling in foreign and heathenish succours to stablish or help him; which his father Ahaz did, **2Ki** 16:7; **Isa** 7; and before him Asa, **1Ki** 15:18-19, with reflection upon whom this seems to be noted.

**Answ.** Each of them excelled the other in several qualities or actions: Hezekiah in this, that he fell upon this work with great expedition, even in the beginning of his reign, which Josiah did not, **2Ki** 22:1,3; and with no less resolution, undertaking to do that which none of his predecessors durst do, even to remove the high places, wherein Josiah did only follow his example, **2Ki** 23.

**Matthew Henry**.  3. Herein he was a nonesuch, **2Ki** 18:5. None of all the kings of Judah were like him, *either before or after him.* Two things he was eminent for in his reformation:-- (1.) Courage and confidence in God. In abolishing idolatry, there was danger of disobliging his subjects, and provoking them to rebel; but *he trusted in the Lord God of Israel* to bear him out in what he did and save him from harm. A firm belief of God's all-sufficiency to protect and reward us will conduce much to make us sincere, bold, and vigorous, in the way of our duty, like Hezekiah. When he came to the crown he found his kingdom compassed with enemies, but he did not seek for succour to foreign aids, as his father did, but trusted in the God of Israel to be the keeper of Israel. (2.) Constancy and perseverance in his duty. For this there was none like him, that he clave to the Lord with a fixed resolution and never *departed from following him,* **2Ki** 18:6. Some of his predecessors that began well fell off: but he, like Caleb, followed the Lord *fully.* He not only abolished all idolatrous usages, but kept God's commandments, and in every thing made conscience of his duty.

[**2 Kings**](https://d.docs.live.net/e5502471a9019beb/Desktop/Fellowship%20Church%20-%20I%20and%202%20Kings.docx#Kings2)**Chapter 16 *Ahaz 12th King of Judah (16:1-20, 2 Chr 28:1-27) Evil for 16 yrs***

##### *False Worship plus True Worship Equals False Worship*

##### *King Ahaz’s example is a 9-step path of mixing true and false worship*

(35) 1 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign.

2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem, and did not [that which was] right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and **made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel.** **4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.** 5 Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome [him]. 6 At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there to this day. 7 So Ahaz sent messengers to **Tiglathpileser king of Assyria**, saying, I [am] your servant and your son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me. 8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent [it for] a present to the king of Assyria. 9 And the king of Assyria listened to him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried [the people of] it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

QT Note:

**Q – What are the 9 steps of growing in false worship learned from Ahaz?**A1 – Ahaz practiced false worship to begin with. (16:1-4)
A2 – Ahaz looks for man to deliver him from his fear and discomfort. (16:5-7)
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*Ahaz Honors King Tiglathpileser with an Altar and change of Worship in Jerusalem*

10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof.  **11 And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus**: so Urijah the priest made [it] before king Ahaz came from Damascus. 12 And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. 13 And he burnt his burnt offering and his grain offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar. 14 And he brought also the brazen altar, which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar. 15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening grain offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his grain offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their grain offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brazen altar shall be for me to enquire [by]. 16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. 17 And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that [were] under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones. 18 And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria. 19 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 20 And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

[**2 Kings**](https://d.docs.live.net/e5502471a9019beb/Desktop/Fellowship%20Church%20-%20I%20and%202%20Kings.docx#Kings2)**Chapter 17 *Hoshea 20th King of Israel (17:1-41) Evil for 9 yrs***

*Samaria & Israel Fall to Assyrians and Exiled into Assyria 722 B.C.*

(36) 1 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. 2 And **he did [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD, a but not as the kings of Israel that were before him.** 3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. 4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as [he had done] year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. 5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the **king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria,** and placed them in Halah and in Habor [by] the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 For [so] it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, 8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 9 And the children of Israel did secretly [those] things that [were] not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree: 11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as [did] the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and worked wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: 12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said to them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, [and by] all the seers, saying, **Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments [and] my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.** 14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. 15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that [were] round about them, [concerning] whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. 16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, [even] two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. **18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.** 19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20 And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. **21 For he tore Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin.**  22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; 23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria to this day.

a Although King Hoshea did better than any of the kings before him, he did too little – too late.

*The Assyrians Inhabit the Cities of Samaria and Worship Both Gods*

(37) 24 And the king of Assyria brought [men] from a **Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim,** and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 25 And [so] it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, [that] **they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew [some] of them.** 26 Wherefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he has sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, b Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from there; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. 28 Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. 29 Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. 30 And the men of **Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, 31 And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.** 32 So they feared the LORD, and made to themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. **33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations**

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**whom they carried away from there.** 34 To this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; 35 With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: 36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. 37 And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. 38 And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. 39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. 40 Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. **41 So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images,** both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they to this day.

a The men of the 5 cities of Assyria brought their own gods into Samaria, each unique and nothing like the God of Israel.. They worshipped their gods in the high places like Israel, much like Jeroboam. Succothbenoth – Worship prostitution of young women by offering money (Deuteronomy 23:18), Negal – Worship Sun and idol the shape of a rooster, Ashima – worship atonement or religious ways to be made right with god (Amos 8:14), Nibhaz and Tartak – worship the moon where dog howls to the moon something like a wolf man, Adrammelech and Anammelech – worship sun with human sacrifice of children by fire (probably same Moloch of the Ammonites)..

b Even the heathen acknowledged the God of Israel, however not fully. Only to accommodate their belief and mix true and false gods.

[**2 Kings**](https://d.docs.live.net/e5502471a9019beb/Desktop/Fellowship%20Church%20-%20I%20and%202%20Kings.docx#Kings2)**Chapter 18** *Hezekiah 13th King of Judah (18:1-20:21, 2 Chr 29:1-32:33) Very Good - 29 yrs*

(38) 1 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, [that] Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. 3 And he did [that which was] right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. **4 He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for to those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it a Nehushtan.** **5 He trusted in the LORD God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor [any] that were before him.** 6 For he clave to the LORD, [and] departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. 7 And the LORD was with him; [and] he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and **he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not.**  8 He smote the Philistines, [even] to Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. 9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, [that] Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. 10 And at the end of three years they took it: [even] in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor [by] the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: 12 Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, [and] all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them. 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. 14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which you put on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 And Hezekiah gave [him] all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house. 16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off [the gold from] the doors of the temple of the LORD, and [from] the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

a Judah worshipped the snake of Moses. Numbers 21:4-9. The Canaanites regarded the snake as fertility symbols.

##### *Sennacherib King of Assyria Boasts Against the Lord*

(39) 17And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field. 18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. 19 And Rabshakeh said to them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein you trust? 20 You say, (but [they are but] vain words,) [I have] counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? 21 Now, behold, you trust upon the staff of this bruised reed, [even] upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust on him. 22 But if ye say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? 23 Now therefore, I pray you, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver you two thousand horses, if you be able on your part to set riders upon them. 24 How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, to Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray you, to your servants in the Syrian language; for we understand [it]: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. 27 But Rabshakeh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? [has he] not [sent me] to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? 28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: 29 Thus says the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: 30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus says the king of Assyria, Make [an agreement] with me by a present, and come out to me, and [then] eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye everyone the waters of his cistern: 32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not to Hezekiah, when he persuades you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. 33 Has any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? 36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. 37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with [their] clothes tore, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

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##### *Isaiah Assures Deliverance*

(40) 1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard [it], that he tore 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 to him, Thus says 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 your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD your God has heard: wherefore lift up [your] prayer for the remnant that are left. 5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus says the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

##### *Sennacherib’s Threat and Hezekiah’s Prayer for Deliverance*

(41) 8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against you: he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shall you be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; [as] Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which [were] in Thelasar? 13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. 15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, “O LORD God of Israel, which dwell [between] the cherubims, **you are the God, [even] you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. 16 LORD, bow down your ear, and hear: open, LORD, your eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which has sent him to reproach the living God.** 17 Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, 18 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they [were] no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. 19 Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech you, save you us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are the LORD God, [even] you only.”

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##### *The Word of the Lord Concerning Sennacherib*

##### (42) 20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying**, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, [That] which you have prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.** 21 This is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion has despised you, [and] laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. 22 Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted [your] voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? [even] against the Holy [One] of Israel. 23 By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and has said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, [and] the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, [and into] the forest of his Carmel. 24 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of besieged places. 25 Have you not heard long ago [how] I have done it, [and] of ancient times that I have formed it? now I have brought it to pass, that you should be to lay waste fenced cities [into] ruinous heaps. 26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power,

they were dismayed and confounded; they were [as] the grass of the field, and [as] the green herb, [as] the grass on

the housetops, and [as corn] blasted before it be grown up. 27 But I know your abode, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against me. 28 Because your rage against me and your tumult is come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came. 29 And this [shall be] a sign to you, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. 30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. 31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD [of hosts] shall do this. 32 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. **33 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD. 34 For I will defend this city, to save it, for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.**

*Sennacherib’s Defeat by the Angel of the Lord (185,000 killed) and Death from his 2 Sons*

35 And it came to pass that night, that **the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand**: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they [were] all dead corpses. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

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##### *Isaiah Message, Hezekiah’s Prayer, God’s Sign, and Hezekiah’s Life Extended 15 Years*

(43) 1 In those days was a Hezekiah sick to death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, Set your house in order; for you shall die, and not live.” 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 “I beseech you, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done [that which is] good in your sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.” 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 “Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father, I have **heard your prayer**, I have **seen your tears**: behold, I will **heal you**: on the b **third day** you shall go up to the house of the LORD. 6  And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.” 7 And Isaiah said, “Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid [it] on the boil, and he recovered.” 8 And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What [shall be] the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD **the third day**?” 9 And Isaiah said, “This sign shall you have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?” 10 And Hezekiah answered, “It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: no, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees**.” 11 And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.**

a Isaiah 38:1-22 gives more details to the prayer. As the sundial goes backward and gives more time, so does God to Hezekiah.

b The Third Day is often prophetic of resurrection. In this case Hezekiah represents Israel that has been sin sick but will be healed as foretold in Romans 11 and Ezekiel in the Valley of the Dead Bones. Hosea 6:2. Each day represents 1000 years. This is a RAC 3 doctrine and must not be over emphasized.

##### *The Babylonian Envoys & Isaiah’s Prophecy to Hezekiah*

(44) 12 At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and [all] the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not. 14 Then came Isaiah the prophet to king Hezekiah, and said to him, What said these men? and from whence came they to you? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, [even] from Babylon. 15 And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All [the things] that are in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them. 16 And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. 17 Behold, the days come, that all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have laid up in store to this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, says the LORD.

18 And of your sons that shall issue from you, which you shall beget, they will take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 19 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which you have spoken. And he said, [Is it] not [good], if peace and truth be in my days? 20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

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*Manasseh 14th King of Judah (21:1-18, a 2 Chr 33:1-20) Very Evil for 55 years*

(45) 1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 And he did [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. **3 For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel;** and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. **6 And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he worked much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke [him] to anger.**  7 And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name forever: 8 Neither will I make the feet of Israel move anymore out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they listened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the LORD spoke by his servants the prophets, saying, 11 “Because Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations, [and] has done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which [were] before him, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols: 12 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I [am] bringing [such] evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle. 13 And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as [a man] wipes a dish, wiping [it], and turning [it] upside down. 14 And I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 Because they have done [that which was] evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even to this day. 16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD.” 17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was **buried in the garden of his own house**, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

a Manasseh later repented and did good. However the evil he did brought Good’s judgment on the nation.

*Amon 15th King of Judah (21:19-26, 2 Chr 33:21-25) Very Evil for 2 yrs*

(46) 19 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. 20 **And he did [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did**. 21 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: 22 And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD. 23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. 24 And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead. 25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 26 And he was **buried in his sepulcher in the garden of Uzza**: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.