

INTRODUCTION

- * We are in our final stage (kings of the south) of our study of the Biblical history of Israel in the morning messages.
- * Three weeks ago, we began to consider the reign of Hezekiah; he is lauded by God's Word as being the most faithful king who ever reigned in Judah! "He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him." (2 Kgs 18:7)
- * Hezekiah restored true worship in Judah by restoring the temple sacrifices and restoring the observance of the feasts. He also was the catalyst for a sweeping revival throughout the land.
- * However, we need to remember that we are ALWAYS engaged in spiritual war! When we make spiritual in-roads, we can expect there to be opposition from without ... and sometimes, from within!
- * Today, we see the opposition against Hezekiah and his reforms coming from "without".

INSTRUCTION

RESTORATION OF WORSHIP (cf. 2 Chronicles 29-30)

The Restoration of Temple Sacrifices

1. A TIME OF CONSECRATION
2. A TIME OF CELEBRATION

The Restoration of the Passover Feast

1. THE INVITATION TO THE FESTIVAL ... The Resolution of the Leaders ... The Ridicule by the Israelites
2. THE CELEBRATION OF THE FESTIVAL ... The Effect of the Celebration ... The Event of the Celebration

REVIVAL SWEEPS THE NATION (cf. 2 Chronicles 31)

Hezekiah Destroyed ...

1. THE HIGH PLACES
2. THE SACRED PILLARS
3. THE WOODEN IMAGE
4. THE BRONZE SERPENT

Hezekiah Appointed ...

1. PRIESTS FOR SERVICE
2. POSSESSIONS FOR SACRIFICES

Hezekiah Commanded ...

1. THE PEOPLE TO CONTRIBUTE
2. THE PRIESTS TO COORDINATE

I. THE ACTIONS OF SENNACHERIB

A. His In _____ against Judah (cf. 2 Kings 18:7-16; Isaiah 36:1)

- A. HEZEKIAH'S R _____ (cf. 2 Kings 18:7-12)
- B. HEZEKIAH'S S _____ (cf. 2 Kings 18:13-16)
- C. HEZEKIAH'S D _____ (cf. 2 Chronicles 32:1-8)

B. His In _____ against YHWH (cf. 2 Kings 18:17-35; 19:8-13; Isaiah 36:2-20; 37:8-13)

- A. HIS FIRST MESSAGE (cf. 2 Kings 18:17-35; Isaiah 36:2-20)
- B. HIS SECOND MESSAGE (cf. 2 Kings 19:8-13; Isaiah 37:8-13)

II. THE ACTIONS OF YHWH

A. His Re _____ of Hezekiah (cf. 2 Kgs 18:36 - 19:7; 19:14-34; Isa 36:21-37:7; 37:14-35; Heb 13:5-6; Matt 10:27-33)

B. His Re _____ to Sennacherib (cf. 2 Kgs 19:32-37; Isaiah 37:36-38; Romans 12:19; Deut 32:35-43)

1. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ASSYRIAN ARMY (v. 2 Kgs 19:35)
2. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ASSYRIAN KING (v. 2 Kgs 19:7, 36-37)

INTROSPECTION

- * ARE YOU BEING ATTACKED BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO WORSHIP THE LORD?
- * HOW DO YOU REACT TO THE INCURSIONS MADE AGAINST YOU? ... DO YOU SUBMIT OR TURN TO GOD?
- * DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD IS ABLE TO DELIVER YOU FROM YOUR ENEMIES?
- * DO YOU SEEK TO TAKE VENGEANCE INTO YOUR OWN HANDS, OR ARE YOU WILLING TO ALLOW THE SOVEREIGN JUDGE HANDLE THAT?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?