TEXT: 2 Kings 18:1-12; 2 Chron 29-31

INTRODUCTION

- We are in our final stage (kings of the south) of our study of the Biblical history of Israel in the morning messages.
- Over the past two weeks we considered the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham and Ahaz. After two solid kings, the nation of Judah slid fully into ungodly, pagan practices during the 16 years of the reign of Ahaz.
 - Today, we transition into the reign of Hezekiah, who 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) There is much recorded regarding Hezekiah reign in the Old Testament. The prophets Isaiah, Hosea and Micah all prophesied during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah ... and probably had a profound effect upon the life and reign of Hezekiah.
- Before we begin, we want to address what is seen to be a potential "error" in scripture ... it deals with age of Hezekiah's father (Ahaz) at the time of Hezekiah's birth.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE RESTORATION OF THE ______ (cf. 2 Chronicles 29)

- A. A Time of C (cf. 2 Chron 29:3-19)
 - 1. THE CONSECRATION OF THE L (cf. 2 Chron. 29:3-15)
 - 2. THE CONSECRATION OF THE T_____ (cf. 2 Chron. 29:16-19)
- B. A Time of C_____ (cf. 2 Chron 29:20-19)
 - 1. THEIR WORSHIP INCLUDED R_____ cf. 2 Chron. 29:20-24)
 - 2. THEIR WORSHIP INCLUDED P (cf. 2 Chron. 29:25-30)
 - 3. THEIR WORSHIP INCLUDED O _____ (cf. 2 Chron. 29:31-36)

II. THE RESTORATION OF THE ______ (cf. 2 Chronicles 30)

- A. The I______ to the Festival 1. THE R_____ OF THE LEADERS (30:1-9)
 - 2. THE R_____ BY THE ISRAELITES (30:10-12)
- B. The C_____ of the Festival
 - 1. THE E_____ OF THE CELEBRATION
 - a. The R of False Altars in Jerusalem (v. 14)
 - b. The R of the Priests and Levites (v. 15)
 - 2. THE E_____ OF THE CELEBRATION
 - a. Hezekiah's P (v. 17-21) *ii. THE PRAISE OF THE PEOPLE i.* THE UNCLEANNESS OF THE PEOPLE
 - b. Hezekiah's E (v. 22-27) *i.* TO THE LEVITES

ii. TO THE PEOPLE

INTROSPECTION

- HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE THE COMPONENTS OF YOUR WORSHIP?
- HOW IMPORTANT IS BEING SET-APART (CONSECRATED) TO GOD TO YOU?

"As He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I Am holy.' " (1 Peter 1:15-16)

- WHAT ARE DOING TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF BEING SET-APART? *
- HAVE YOU, OR WILL YOU, SEEK GOD'S HELP IN REMOVING ELEMENTS OF FALSE WORSHIP FROM YOUR LIFE?
- IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?