

Hezekiah Renews the Covenant

(2 Kings 17:3-41; 18:1-7; 2 Chron. 29:1- 31:1-21)

After the death of wicked Ahaz, his son Hezekiah ruled. Hezekiah was the best king Judah had seen since the days of David. He smashed the idols including the bronze serpent that Moses had made in the wilderness. The people were worshipping the serpent! Because Hezekiah obeyed God like no king before or after him, God made good things happen for him.

Wicked Ahaz had closed the door to God's temple. The first thing Hezekiah did was to open the doors and repair the temple. Hezekiah told the people that because they had not obeyed God and had forsaken Him, God was letting bad things happen. He told the people that he was going to renew the covenant with God so that God would be with them again. Hezekiah was going to promise to obey God so that God would be with him. This is **exactly** what all the prophets were trying to get the people to understand!

God blessed the people in their work and they got it done quickly. Now that the temple had been opened and repaired, it was time to celebrate the Passover. The Passover was a time to celebrate God passing over the homes of the children of Israel in Egypt. Hezekiah had invited ALL of the people in the land to the Passover. Many in Israel laughed at Hezekiah, but a few decided to turn back to God.

The priests and Levites were ashamed that they had not obeyed God, so they hurried to get their jobs done like they should. They sacrificed to God just as He had commanded. There had not been a day like this since the days of Solomon.

When the Passover celebration was over, the people went into the land and destroyed all the idols. Hezekiah commanded the people to bring offerings to God as the Law required. The people gave so much that Hezekiah had to build rooms to keep all of the offerings. God blessed the people because they were obeying Him!

Pekah had been ruling in Israel, but a man named Hoshea killed him and became king. Tiglath-pileser had died and a man named Shalmaneser V ruled Assyria. Hoshea did not want to serve Shalmaneser, so he tried to get Egypt to

help him. Shalmaneser came and put Hoshea in prison and invaded the land. Shalmaneser scattered the people in other lands. The nation of Israel was destroyed and the people were sent away just like God promised! They did not listen to the prophets God sent. They worshipped idols. They would **not** obey God! God had no choice but to punish them.

Main Points:

1. God will do good things for those who obey Him.
2. God will punish the wicked for not obeying.

Lesson 10 Questions: Hezekiah & Hoshea

1. What were the people worshipping that Hezekiah smashed?

God

Serpent

Idols

2. What did Hezekiah do to the doors of the temple?

Open

Close

3. What did Hezekiah renew or return to?

Idols

Covenant

4. What did the people have to celebrate after they fixed the temple?

Hezekiah

Passover

5. Who was invited to worship God in Jerusalem?

Israel

Judah

Both

6. How many turned back to God from Israel?

All

Few

7. Did God bless the people when they obeyed?

Yes

No

8. What did the people destroy when Passover was finished?

Temple

Idols

9. When Hezekiah commanded offerings to be brought to God, how much did the people bring?

A lot

A little

10. Who killed Pekah?

Tiglath-pileser

Hoshea

11. Who was now the king of Assyria?

Tiglath-pileser

Shalmaneser V

12. Who did Hoshea try to get to help him defeat Shalmaneser?

God

Egypt

13. Who put Hoshea in prison and invaded the land?

Egypt

Shalmaneser

14. Did God keep His promise to destroy Israel if they did not obey?

Yes

No

114. HEZEKIAH RESTORES TEMPLE WORSHIP (2 CHRONICLES 29:20-36)



“And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar.
And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also*
with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.”

2 CHRONICLES 29:27

“And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.” **2 CHRONICLES 29:33**

Judah Alone

2 Kings 18 – 2 Kings 24 (also 2 Chronicles 31–36)

CREATION
 THE FLOOD
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 CONQUEST OF CANAAN
 JUDGES
 UNITED KINGDOM
 DIVIDED KINGDOM
JUDAH ALONE
 JUDAH IN CAPTIVITY
 JUDAH RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY
 YEARS OF SILENCE
 LIFE OF CHRIST
 EARLY CHURCH
 LETTERS TO CHRISTIANS

ISRAEL IN CAPTIVITY

- ❑ In the reign of Hoshea, king of Israel, Shalmaneser, king of Assyria carried Israel away to Assyria, and gave their land to people from other nations (2 Ki 17:6, 24). The LORD sent lions among them, for they did not fear the LORD. A priest from Israel was sent back into the land to teach the people the “rituals” of the God of the land. They feared the LORD, but continued to worship their own gods also.
- ❑ Israel would never be reestablished. The new inhabitants would intermarry with the poor Israelites left in the land, and would become the mixed race known as the Samaritans.

THE KINGS OF JUDAH FOLLOWING THE CAPTIVITY OF ISRAEL

DATE	JUDAH	PROPHETS
727 – 698 BC	<p>HEZEKIAH continued...</p> <p>Ten years after Israel was taken, the Assyrians came against the cities of Judah. Hezekiah paid a huge tribute to the king of Assyria, seeking to be left in peace. The LORD answered the prayer of both Isaiah and Hezekiah, assuring that He would defend His city and people.</p> <p>About the same time, the king was sick, and told he would die. He prayed, and the LORD extended his life by 15 years.</p> <p>Receiving gifts from the king of Babylon, Hezekiah showed the men who had come all the wealth of Judah. Isaiah spoke against Hezekiah and Judah, revealing that a day was coming when all would be carried away to Babylon.</p>	Isaiah Micah
698	<p>2 Ki 21:1-18; 2 Chr33:1-20</p> <p>MANASSEH reigned 55 years and was an <u>evil king</u>. He rebuilt the high places, and even built altars in the house of God. He made his sons pass through the fire, shed much innocent blood, and engaged in soothsaying, witchcraft, and spiritism. In his time, Judah did “<i>more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.</i>” (2 Ki 21:9)</p> <p>Manasseh was taken captive by the Assyrians. In his affliction, he humbled himself and called upon the LORD. He was returned to Jerusalem, where he fortified the city, took away the idols and altars, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD. However, Judah continued in idolatry.</p>	Nahum
643	<p>2 Ki 21:19-26; 2 Chr33:21-25</p> <p>AMON reigned 2 years and was an <u>evil king</u>. He walked in the wickedness, but unlike his father, would not humble himself. He was killed by his own servants. Thereafter, the servants involved in the conspiracy to kill the king were put to death by the people of Judah.</p>	

DATE	JUDAH	PROPHETS
641 BC	<p>2 Ki 22:1-23:30; 2 Chr34:1-35:27</p> <p>JOSIAH reigned 31 years and was a <u>good king</u>. He purged Judah of the high places and altars, and sought after the LORD. He commissioned men to repair the house of God. In the process of that project, the book of the LORD was found! Having God's word available, Josiah determined to restore true worship to the land. The Passover was kept, in accordance with the Law. It had not been so done since the days of Samuel (2 Chr 35:18).</p> <p>As king, Josiah commanded that the people would serve the LORD. He cleansed the temple, Judah and even into Israel. While in Israel, at Bethel (2 Ki 23:15-20), Josiah fulfilled the words of a man of God who spoke in the days of Jeroboam (1 Ki 13:1-3).</p> <p>Pharaoh Necho was headed northward to fight the Assyrians near the Euphrates. Josiah went out against him. Necho sent messengers, warning Josiah, but he did not listen. Josiah died in battle. Consider the warning given by Necho:</p> <p><i>"What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I have not come against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; for God commanded me to make haste. Refrain from meddling with God, who is with me, lest He destroy you."</i> (2 Chr 35:21)</p>	<p>Isaiah Micah Huldah the prophetess</p> <p>Josiah's Epitaph: <i>"Now before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor after him did any arise like him."</i> (2 Ki 23:25)</p>
610	<p>2 Ki 23:31-34; 2 Chr36:1-4</p> <p>JEHOIAHAZ reigned 3 months and was an <u>evil king</u>. He was imprisoned by Pharaoh Necho, and would not return to Jerusalem again (Jer 22:10-12). In his place, Necho set up his brother Eliakim as king, changing his name to Jehoiakim, and imposing a tribute on the land.</p>	Jeremiah
609	<p>2 Ki 23:35-24:6; 2 Chr36:5-8</p> <p>JEHOIAKIM reigned 11 years and was an <u>evil king</u>. He paid tribute to Pharaoh, exacting money from the people of the land to do so. Thereafter, he became the servant of Nebuchadnezzar, but after 3 years, he rebelled. The LORD sent bands of Chaldeans, Syrians, Moabites and Ammonites to raid the land, because of the sins of Manasseh. Nebuchadnezzar carried Jehoiakim and some of the articles of the temple to Babylon.</p> <p>The LORD called Judah to repentance through Jeremiah at the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim (Jer 26).</p>	Jeremiah Habakkuk Daniel Urjah the son of Shemaiah
598	<p>2 Ki 24:7-16; 2 Chr36:9-10</p> <p>JEHOIACHIN reigned 3 months & 10 days and was an <u>evil king</u>. Nebuchadnezzar came up against Judah again, and took him, his mother, his servants and some articles of the temple to Babylon. He also took captive the men of valor, the craftsmen and the smiths. The destruction of Judah was eminent when Jehoiachin took the throne (Jer 22:24-30)</p> <p>In the 37th year of the captivity, Jehoiachin was released from prison. He lived comfortably the remainder of his life.</p>	Jeremiah Daniel

DATE	JUDAH	PROPHETS
597 BC	<p><i>2 Ki 24:17-25:7; 2 Chr36:11-14</i> ZEDEKIAH reigned 11 years and was an <u>evil king</u>. He was made king of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar. He also rebelled against Nebuchadnezzar. From the 9th year of Zedekiah to the 11th year, the Babylonians besieged Jerusalem. Zedekiah's children were killed, and he was taken captive to Babylon with his eyes plucked out.</p>	<p>Jeremiah Daniel Ezekiel</p>
586	<p>CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH Zedekiah's reign ended with the Babylonians destroying Jerusalem and carrying the people of Judah away captive. It is noteworthy that to be carried away captive was better than to remain in the land (Jer 24:1-10; 29:4-20).</p>	<p>Ezekiel Daniel</p>