

King Hezekiah Trusted in the Lord

2 Chronicles 29; 2 Kings 18 (Pg. 408)

Hezekiah's father was Ahaz—the worst King of Judah yet. Nonetheless, Hezekiah sought God with all his heart.

Hezekiah's grandfather and great-grandfather were faithful servants of God. Most likely, some of their zeal for God was passed on through his mother Abijah (aka Abi).

region	designation	tribes	capital	righteous kings	conquerors
North	Israel	10	Samaria	0	Assyria 722BC
South	Judah	2	Jerusalem	8	Babylonia 586BC

A. Righteous King 2 Chronicles 29:3-8 (p.408) 2 Kings 18:5

The king himself provided the offerings.

Principle: God used this righteous man to lead people to repentance and revival.

At the cross, Jesus took my sin and transferred His **righteousness** to my account.

B. Lesson of Israel's Conquest 2 Kings 18:9-12 (p.318)

The Assyrians were brutally cruel. They conducted their wars with shocking ferocity, uprooted whole populations as state policy and deported them to other parts of the empire.

Principle: We should learn to follow God from both good and bad examples.

All the dishonor... all the thanklessness... all the disobedience... all the idolatry... all the sin! God said, **NO MORE.**

God is longsuffering, but there comes a time when He punishes disobedience—even in **His children.** (Hebrews 12:6)

C. Assyria's Attack on Judah

After one of the greatest revivals in Israel's history, Assyria threatens.

1. Psy-ops 2 Kings 18:19-37
 -"Your king has denied your God."
 -"You have no strength compared to our vast military might."
 -"The LORD is **on my side.**"

2. God-ops 2 Kings 19:5-7
 The issue here is primarily the holy reputation of God Almighty.

a. 185,000 dead. 2 Kings 19:35
 This was entirely God's work. Hezekiah and his army contributed nothing... except **faith!**

Hezekiah received victory over Assyria not on the battlefield, but in the Temple as he prayed his heart out to God.
 Is.37:21-22

b. Sennacherib slain by his own sons. 2 Kings 19:36-37

Principle: Difficult trials and spiritual opposition will come. We should worship God with all our hearts in order to strengthen our faith.

"An average view of the Christian life is that it means deliverance **from** trouble; it is rather deliverance **in** trouble, which is a very different thing." -Oswald Chambers