

Week 7: Hezekiah and Isaiah

Hezekiah and Isaiah: 2 Kings 18-20

Objective:

- Hezekiah Reigns in Judah
- Isaiah Assures Hezekiah
- Sennacherib's Threat and Hezekiah's Prayer
- Sennacherib's Defeat and Death
- Death of Hezekiah

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- ○ 2 Kings 18:1-25
- ○ 2 Kings 19:1-20, 35-37
- ○ 2 Kings 20:1-21

Key verse(s):

- "The Lord was with him; he prospered wherever he went" 2 Kings 18:7

Comments:

- Hezekiah was one of the best kings in Judah. We see the faith clearly in his life. We see this in 2 Kings 18:4-8.
- Sennacherib Boasts Against the Lord and threatens Hezekiah. Sennacherib is the king of the Assyrians and Rabshakeh is the army leader. At this time, the Assyrians took over Isreal and wanted to take Judah into captivity as well.
- King Hezekiah humbled himself against God and prayed. Isaiah the prophet came to him and told him that God heard his prayer and will be with him. This is the same Isaiah who wrote the prophecy.
- God heard Hezekiah's prayer and saved them from going into captivity under the Assyrians.

- Judah did not go into captivity as an angel came and killed one hundred and eighty-five thousand of the Assyrians.
- God listened to Hezekiah's prayer again and extended his life.
- Hezekiah was not supposed to show them the silver and gold for two reasons:
 - He did this as a way of showing off
 - The Babylonians will take this gold and defile God's house. We see this clearly with Belshazzar the Babylonian king.

Review/recap questions:

***Servant may add more questions*

1. What was different about Hezekiah compared to all the kings of Judah that preceded him?
2. What did Sennacherib boast about?
3. Show how Hezekiah had faith in God.
4. Who gave Hezekiah the message from God?
5. How many years did the Lord add to Hezekiah's life?

Homework:

***Servant may add more questions*

1. Hezekiah did what was right in the sight of the Lord. True or false?
2. The King of Assyria asked Hezekiah to give him:
 - a) his kingdom
 - b) Judah
 - c) silver and gold
 - d) a great army
3. LORD our God, I _____, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the _____ may know that You are the _____ God, You _____."
4. Who gave Hezekiah the message from God?
 - a) the king of Assyria
 - b) Isaiah
 - c) Sennacherib
 - d) the high priest
5. I have heard your _____ and have seen your _____; surely I will _____ you.
6. How many years were added to Hezekiah's life?
 - a) 5
 - b) 10
 - c) 15
 - d) 20

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