

HOLY HEZEKIAH BLUES (2 Chron. 29)

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Hezekiah became king of Judah in the South.
Second Chronicles 29 tells us how
this young king refused to leave God for Assyria.
Led his people to decide to
depend only on LORD God.
Only did what GOD called "Right."
Opened temples, destroyed idols.
Repaired bad things Ahaz did. Re-
fused to be like his daddy.

Holy Hezekiah loved God with all his might!

2

Only 25 when evil Daddy Ahaz died.
727 B.C. was Hez's time.
Hezekiah listened to God through Isaiah's words.
Made people tear down high places
where they'd worshiped false idols.
Second Chronicles 29 tells how Hez led people to God.
Invited the Israel men to come back to Jerusalem.

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CHORUS

WOULD YOU TAKE A STAND FOR GOD?

Worship Him no matter what the consequences were?

God is HOLY. God calls YOU to be holy like Him --

First Peter 1: 15 tells you to.

3

Hezekiah stood up against leaders in the church.
Told them, "You SHALL clean your acts and SANCTIFY yourselves."
Warned that if they did not consecrate themselves to The LORD,

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(Verse 3, continued)

Holy God would turn His back to them -- and they would surely die.
All the people worshiped God!

BOWED THEIR HEADS AND SANG TO GOD.

Gladly brought gifts to LORD GOD,

because their Leader TAUGHT them why:

**Holy Hezekiah loved God with all his
might!**

Spoken: GOD'S WORD CONTINUES through the end of Second Chronicles 31:

"Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah, and he did what [was] good and right and TRUE before the LORD his God. And in EVERY work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered."

BUT -- As the years passed, **HEZEKIAH began to drift in his determination from age 25 to be seek to follow the Lord in holiness and doing God's Word.** Hezekiah **BEGAN TO TURN TO FOREIGN KINGS** for alliances, **TRUSTING HUMAN** [wisdom and calls for] **DIPLOMACY, RATHER THAN** trusting in **GOD.**

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Spoken: Fourteen years later, the king of Assyria, named Sennacherib, had conquered all the fortified cities of Hezekiah's kingdom of Judah. Then, in **Isaiah 36,** God's word says that the Assyrian king sent a diplomat **WITH** a great **ARMY** to Hezekiah's people at Jerusalem **to preach at them to stop believing Hezekiah's faith that the Lord would again save them.**

WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT

HAPPENED 27 CENTURIES AGO? (continued on next page)

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SPOKEN IN SONG -- CONTINUED

Because [NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU LOVE GOD,] this **WILL** **happen to you** if you do not **DETERMINE** to stay on your guard. People, and sometimes Satan, **will tell you to question our great Lord God's ability or willingness to save you, or to question God's very existence.**

Like the Assyrian king, they may ask, “**Has any god really saved anyone?**” When this happens (**WHEN - not “if”, because it WILL happen**), look back to all that God has already done for you. Keep a list of prayer answers to prepare for the questioning times ahead that will come. Just as Hezekiah looked back and remembered all the times the Lord had saved him when Hezekiah chose to follow God's Word in holiness rather than human concepts of self-centeredness and self-reliance that ignores God's loving desire to help you.

The end of this story is really cool. It's in **Isaiah 36: 21**: After God's enemy has preached *and* preached that Hezekiah is wrong to trust God, Hezekiah's people, the tribe of Judah, “**held their peace and answered him [the Assyrian King] not a word; for the king's [Hezekiah's] commandment was, 'Do not answer him.'**”

And Hezekiah's nation tribe of Judah was, with the tribe of Benjamin, one of the only two out of Israel's twelve tribes who showed their trust in Lord God.

Full passage from Isaiah 36: 4-18, which expands on God's Word in 2 Chronicles 29:

Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What confidence is this in which you trust? "I say you speak of having plans and power for war; but they are mere words. Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?... if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'....?...Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! "Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you; 'nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'""Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make peace with me by a present and come out to me... 'Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." **Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria?**”

A side note: Remember that **JESUS stopped answering people who Questioned God.** *Matthew 26: 62-63.* A connection for us to remember as we Follow In His Steps?