

Hezekiah

Scripture text: Isaiah 38:1-8

Book of Hezekiah Joke

About the Text:

- 1) Hezekiah was one of the few good kings of Israel.
- 2) The story of the good king Hezekiah is told in 2 Kings 18-20, 2 Chronicles 29-32, and Isaiah 36-39.
- 3) He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign and he reigned for 29 years in Judah (2 Chronicles 29:1).
- 4) Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea and Micah were all prophets that prophesied during this king's reign.
- 5) Hezekiah tore down the high places in the land where idolatry was practiced (2 Kings 18:4).
- 6) The Bible says "And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did." David (2 Kings 18:3).
- 7) We can learn some great lessons from Hezekiah.

I. LESSONS FROM HEZEKIAH INCLUDE THE LESSON OF RESTORATION

1. The temple worship was restored (2 Chronicles 29)
 - 1) 2 Chronicles 29:3-5
 - 2) 2 Chronicles 29:18-19
 - 3) 2 Chronicles 29:28-29
2. The observance of the Passover was restored (2 Chronicles 30).
 - 1) 2 Chronicles 30:1-3
 - 2) 2 Chronicles 30:13-16
3. How did they know how to do these things?
4. They went to the word of God – 2 Chronicles 30:16.
5. We can have restoration of the church today if we go to the word of God.
 - 1) Luke 8:11 says, "The seed is the word of God."
 - 2) 1 Peter 1:22-23 3) When we follow the word of God and do what it says, we can, like Hezekiah, have a restoration.

II. LESSONS FROM HEZEKIAH INCLUDE THE LESSON OF PRAYER

1. In regard to the armies of Assyria.
 - 1) In the 14th year of Hezekiah's reign, the king of Assyria, Sennacherib came up against Israel (2 Kings 18:13).
 - 2) Hezekiah sent tribute money to Sennacherib in an effort to pacify him (2 Kings 18:14-16).
 - 3) Nevertheless, Sennacherib took all of the fortified cities around Jerusalem in Judah and then came up against Jerusalem.

4) It wasn't enough for Sennacherib to have all of these things, he wanted the people to stop trusting in the Lord, Jehovah, Yahweh.

5) This, Hezekiah would not do.

6) Read 2 Kings 19:1-7

7) Read 2 Kings 19:14-19

8) God delivered Jerusalem from the hands of Sennacherib by sending angels into their camp which slew 185,000 of their men in one night (2 Kings 19:35).

2. In regard to Hezekiah's sickness (2 Kings 20:1-7).

1) Hezekiah got sick and was near death.

2) Isaiah the prophet came in and told him that he was to die.

3) But Hezekiah prayed to the Lord for deliverance and he was restored to health.

3. From Hezekiah, we learn that prayer can change things.

1) James 5:16-18

2) 1 John 3:22 "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

III. LESSONS FROM HEZEKIAH INCLUDE THE LESSON OF PRIDE

1. Hezekiah also displayed a measure of pride in his life as a king.

2. We find that after Sennacherib left that he began to glory in the riches of Jerusalem.

3. One of the sons of the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and Hezekiah showed him all of their wealth.

4. Read Isaiah 39:1-2.

5. Isaiah then came to Hezekiah and told him that because he did this thing that Babylon would carry everything away.

6. Read Isaiah 39:3-8.

7. We've all got to be careful with the problem of pride.

8. Hezekiah was an object lesson of Proverbs 16:18 "Pride goeth before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."

9. Romans 12:3

Lessons from Hezekiah include: 1) The lesson of restoration. 2) The lesson of prayer. 3) The lesson of pride.

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