

2 Kings Ch18 Vs 5 – 7 (25th June 23)

King Hezekiah

- Born approximately 700 years BC
- Became the King of Judah at age 25
- And reigned in Jerusalem for 29 years
- He did what was right in the Lord.
- **He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him;**
- **And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook.**
- But in the 14th Year of his reign, he feared for his life. The King of Assyria successfully attacked and captured the fortified cities of Judah – and Jerusalem was next.
- ⁵ When King Hezekiah's officials came to Isaiah, ⁶ Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'This is what the LORD says:
Do not be afraid of what you have heard
- Field Commander But if you say to me, "We are depending on the LORD our God
- Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the LORD when he says, 'The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.'
- **Choose life and not death!** "Do not listen to Hezekiah, for he is misleading you when he says, 'The LORD will deliver

us.’ ³³ Has the god of any nation ever delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria

I am going to start at the end.

- **Chapter 20 Read**
- In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, **“This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.”**
- ² Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, ³“Remember, LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
- ⁴ Before Isaiah had left the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: ⁵“Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the LORD. ⁶**I will add fifteen years to your life.** And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for my sake and for the sake of my servant David.’”

Believe God and Trusted on God

⁵ Hezekiah trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. ⁶ **He held fast to the LORD and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the LORD had given Moses.** ⁷ **And the LORD was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook.** He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

Vs 11 The king of Assyria deported Israel to Assyria and settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in towns of the Medes. ¹² This happened because they had not obeyed the LORD their God, but had violated his covenant—all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. They neither listened to the commands nor carried them out.

Fear

¹³ In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

Feeding Doubt

Jerusalem was next !!

Field commander

²⁰ You say you have the counsel and the might for war—but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me?

²² But if you say to me, “We are depending on the LORD our God”—isn’t he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, “You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem”?

The commander was right King Hezekiah can’t deliver them – but the Lord can

²⁹ This is what the king says: Do not let Hezekiah deceive you. He cannot deliver you from my hand. ³⁰ Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the LORD when he says, ‘The LORD will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.’

.Vs 32 **Choose life and not death!** “Do not listen to Hezekiah, for he is misleading you when he says, ‘The LORD will deliver us.’ ³³ Has the god of any nation ever delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria

Chapter 19 says this

Hezekiah sort Isaiah to see what the Lord has said

⁵ When King Hezekiah's officials came to Isaiah, ⁶ Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard—those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. ⁷ Listen! When he hears a certain report, I will make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.'

Don't mess with God

³⁵ That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! ³⁶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.

³⁷ One day, while he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his sons Adrammelek and Sharezer killed him with the sword, and they escaped to the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son succeeded him as king.

Questions

- Do you need to put your house in order.

- What would you do if the Lord said to you that you have a guaranteed 15 years left to live. (Would you squander the time or would you put your time to work)
- Do you live in fear, do you live in peace, do you have Hope
- Today, Jesus Christ can give you life, not just for today but for life eternal
- No need to fear an aggressor putting you down, but believe in Jesus Christ who can build you up.
- Recognise that we are all sinners, all fallen short of the standards of Christ.
- The King of Assyria said to the people in Jerusalem to chose Life and not death
- For the gospel of John says in Chapter 3 Vs 16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”.