



— LINEAGE OF THE KING —

Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah

Matthew 1:9

Lesson 13

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. What lesson did you receive from last week's study?

2. Have you ever felt overwhelmed and intimidated by the enemy? Hezekiah did! In this week's lesson we will see how intense the threat was against him and the nation of Judah. The Assyrians, having conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the fortified cities of Judah, began a campaign of psychological warfare against the city of Jerusalem. The emissary of Assyria, Rabshekah, not only threatened the occupants of Jerusalem, but sought to erode their confidence in God and King Hezekiah's instruction. Yet through all the warfare, Hezekiah continued to seek God's help and intervention. In the end Hezekiah experienced God's saving power! Use the following verses to record any insights you receive about Hezekiah:
 - a. 2 Kings 18:3, 5-6

 - b. 2 Kings 19:1, 15-19

 - c. 2 Kings 19:20

 - d. 2 Kings 20:3; 2 Chronicles 32:25-26

3. It is important to remember the greatness of God when faced with great difficulties and warfare. Write a prayer expressing the greatness of God in the midst of your circumstances.

*Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth
may know that You are the LORD God, You alone.*

2 Kings 19:19

SECOND DAY: Read 2 Kings 18

1. Hezekiah was only 25 years old when he became king. Remark on the biblical evaluation of his reign. 2 Kings 18:3
2. Using the verses below cite the godly activity of Hezekiah:
 - a. 2 Kings 18:4
 - b. 2 Kings 18:5
 - c. 2 Kings 18:6
 - d. 2 Chronicles 29:3-4, 30-31
3. According to 2 Kings 18:7a, why did Hezekiah prosper?
 - a. List some of his prosperous ventures. 2 Kings 18:7b-8
4. Briefly describe the overthrow of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. 2 Kings 18:9-12
5. According to 2 Kings 18:13, what happened *in the fourteenth year* of Hezekiah's reign?
 - a. Summarize how Hezekiah sought to appease the *king of Assyria*. 2 Kings 18:14-16
6. Hezekiah's efforts were met with greater aggression from Assyria when King Sennacherib sent Rabshakeh to intimidate Judah into surrender. Using 2 Kings 18:19-35, choose a phrase from each of the following that highlights the psychological warfare:
 - a. verses 19-20
 - b. verses 21-22
 - c. verses 23-25
 - d. verses 26-28
 - e. verses 29-30
 - f. verses 31-32
 - g. verses 33-35

(1) Share a way you have experienced similar spiritual warfare.

7. Print *the king's commandment* from 2 Kings 18:36b.
 - a. Why was this a wise command? See also Psalm 46:10.

THIRD DAY: Read 2 Kings 19:1-19

1. From 2 Kings 19:1 how did Hezekiah react to the threat of Assyria?
 - a. What did he do after this? 2 Kings 19:2
2. What was the gist of Hezekiah's report and request to Isaiah? 2 Kings 19:3-4
3. What was God's instruction? 2 Kings 19:6
 - a. What did God promise? 2 Kings 19:7
4. Following God's Word through Isaiah, there was a short reprieve (2 Kings 19:8). However, what was the threatening message Rabshakeh sent to Hezekiah? 2 Kings 19:10-13
5. What did Hezekiah do when he received *the letter*? 2 Kings 19:14
 - a. Why is this a good way to handle bad news?
6. From 2 Kings 19:15-19 note and comment on the following aspects of Hezekiah's prayer:
 - a. his approach to God - verse 15
 - b. his plea - verse 16
 - (1) Link this with Hebrews 4:13. What do you see?
 - c. the situation - verses 17-18
 - d. his request - verse 19
 - (1) How is this prayer an example for you?

FOURTH DAY: Read 2 Kings 19:20–37

1. How did God respond to Hezekiah's prayer? 2 Kings 19:20
 - a. Link this with Psalm 4:3 and Psalm 50:15. How does this encourage you in prayer?

2. Using Isaiah's prophecy in 2 Kings 19:22–28, record how God responded to Assyria's:
 - a. blasphemy - verse 22

 - b. pride - verses 23–26

 - c. rage - verses 27–28

3. Although the enemy wanted to uproot Judah as they had done to the Northern Kingdom and fortified cities, what did God promise in the remainder of Isaiah's prophecy concerning their:
 - a. prosperity - 2 Kings 19:29–31a
 - (1) How would this be accomplished? 2 Kings 19:31b

 - b. protection - 2 Kings 19:32–34a
 - (1) Why would God do this? 2 Kings 19:34b

4. Use 2 Kings 19:35–37 and 2 Chronicles 32:21–22 to describe how God fulfilled His Word.
 - a. What do you find ironic about the death of Sennacherib?

 - b. Connect Isaiah's prophecy in 2 Kings 19:7 with its fulfillment in 2 Kings 19:28. How does this minister to you?

FIFTH DAY: Read 2 Kings 20

1. From 2 Kings 20:1-11 and 2 Chronicles 32:24-26 briefly document:

- a. Hezekiah's predicament - verse 1
- b. Hezekiah's reaction - verses 2-3
- c. God's intervention - verses 4-6
- d. the remedy - verse 7
- e. the sign - verses 8-11
- f. Hezekiah's folly - 2 Chronicles 32:24-25
- g. Hezekiah's humility - 2 Chronicles 32:26

2. From 2 Kings 20:12-13 record what Hezekiah did.

- a. According to 2 Chronicles 32:31b, what was really taking place?

3. Isaiah returned to question Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:14-15). What did Isaiah reveal? 2 Kings 20:16-18

- a. What do you think about Hezekiah's response? 2 Kings 20:19

(1) How do you think Hezekiah should have responded?

(2) Why should believers be concerned about the next generation? See also Psalm 78:4, 145:4.

(a) Write a prayer for the next generation.

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Share something you gleaned from Hezekiah's life concerning:

a. Faith

b. Spiritual warfare

c. Prayer

d. God's victory

e. Pride

f. Repentance

2. How is Hezekiah an example to you?

*For he held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him,
but kept His commandments.*

2 Kings 18:6