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Introduction

HEZEKIAH began to reign in **JUDAH** after the death of his father **AHAZ**. What is amazing is that we see **HEZEKIAH'S** reign was opposite to that of his father! **AHAZ** was one of the most, if not the most wicked kings that ever reigned over **JUDAH** up to this point! **HEZEKIAH** on the other hand was greater than all the kings of **JUDAH** that came before him and those that would come after him! (2 Kings 18:5)

A lot is said about him in both **2 KINGS 18-21** and **2 CHRONICLES 29-32**! So this may take us a few weeks to get through these chapters as we first look at the **THE REVIVAL UNDER HEZEKIAH!**

I. WE SEE THE SUMMARY OF HEZEKIAH'S REIGN!

(2 KINGS 18:1-8; Cf. 2 CHRONICLES 29:1-2)

A. We Are Told Both His Age And The Length Of His Reign.

(2 Kings 18:1-2a; 2 Chronicles 29:1a)

He began to reign at 25 and reigned for 29 years.

B. We Are Told Who His Mother Was.

(2 Kings 18:1b; Cf. 2 Chronicles 29:1b)

His mother was **ABI** a/k/a **ABIJAH**, the daughter of **ZECHARIAH**.

Remember that we said whenever the mother is mentioned it is believed to be because of the degree of influence she had on her child whether that influence was good or bad.

We also mentioned that some extra-Biblical sources say that his mother was the one responsible for having rescued him from his father trying to pass him through the fire like his siblings!

C. We Are Told The Quality Of His Reign.

(2 Kings 18:3; 2 Chronicles 29:2)

He did that which was right in the sight of the **LORD**.

II. WE SEE THE DETAILS OF THE SPIRITUAL REVIVAL UNDER HEZEKIAH!

(2 KINGS 18:4-7; 2 CHRONICLES 29:3ff-31:21)

A. HEZEKIAH Reopened The Doors To The TEMPLE And Repaired Them! (2 Chronicles 29:3)

B. HEZEKIAH Called For The PRIESTS And LEVITES And Told Them To Sanctify Themselves And The House Of The LORD! (2 Chronicles 29:4-5)

C. HEZEKIAH Realized That JUDAH Had Sinned And The LORD Was Punishing Them Because Of That! (2 Chronicles 29:6-9)

D. HEZEKIAH Revealed His Intentions! (2 Chronicles 29:10)

E. HEZEKIAH Called For The LEVITES To Get Their Hearts Right! (2 Chronicles 29:11)

F. The LEVITES Sanctified Themselves And Went To Work! (2 Chronicles 29:15-19)

G. The TEMPLE Worship Was Restored! (2 Chronicles 29:20-36)

1. Sacrifice And Atonement Was Made For The Leaders! (2 Chronicles 29:20-24)

2. The LEVITES Rejoiced With Music. (2 Chronicles 29:25-30)

3. Sacrifice And Atonement Was Made For The Congregation. (2 Chronicles 29:31-36)

H. The PASSOVER Was Kept. (30:1-27)

1. Word was sent to JUDAH and ISRAEL. (30:1; 5-9)

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2. It had been a long time since the *PASSOVER* was observed.
 3. They could not do it at the proper time because of defilement. (30:2-3)
 4. There were varied reactions to the invitation to observe. (30:10-14)
 5. Killing the *PASSOVER* convicted of sin. (30:15-16)
 6. Some ate the *PASSOVER* without proper cleansing. (30:17-21)
Hezekiah prayed for the LORD God to pardon them. And the LORD did, because the motive of their heart was heart right.
 7. *HEZEKIAH* encouraged the *LEVITES* who taught and the people responded. (30:22)
 8. The *FEASTS* were kept for 7 days. (30:23-27)
- I. *HEZEKIAH* Had The Idols Destroyed, The Groves Cut Down And The High Places Thrown Down!
(2 Kings 18:4; 2 Chronicles 31:1)
- J. *HEZEKIAH* organized the *PRIESTHOOD*. (31:2-19)
- a. Tithes and offerings were brought in. (31:5-6)
 - b. The *LORD* blessed the people. (31:10)
 - c. The *PRIESTS* were placed over various functions. (31:11-19)
- K. *HEZEKIAH'S* Attitude.
(2 Chronicles 31:20-21; 2 Kings 18:5-7)