

“Hezekiah: The Faithful Prayers of a Righteous Man”

Lord of the Kings • part 10
2 Ki. 18-19; 2 Chr. 29-32; Isa. 36-37

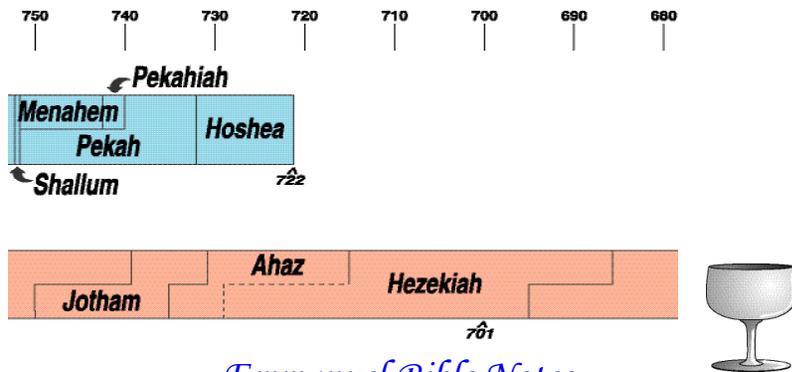
INTRODUCTION

- “Lord, teach us to pray.” (Lk. 11:1)
Mt. 6:9-13; Jn. 17:1; Lk. 22:42; 2 Ki. 19:14-19

“Unfortunately, we often pray first for things (that might take us from God), for friends (that might compete for His friendship), or for an ordering of events (that might accomplish our plans, but not His). Instead, we must learn to begin our prayers with thoughts of God’s honor and the advancement of His purpose in history.”
– James M. Boice

“The purpose of prayer is to glorify God’s name, and to ask for help to accomplish His will on earth. This prayer begins with God’s interests, not ours....We have no right to ask God for anything that will dishonor His name, delay His kingdom, or disturb His will on earth.”
– Warren Wiersbe

1. Hezekiah’s values (2 Ki. 18:1-6)



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2. Hezekiah’s values lived out (2 Chr. 29-31)

- reinstating the priesthood and worship in the Temple
- birth of true revival
2 Chr. 29:35-36
- celebration of Passover
2 Chr. 31:20-21

3. Hezekiah tested

- preparing for his examination
2 Chr. 32:2-8
- the test giver: Sennacherib
- Hezekiah’s test progress
2 Ki. 18:37; 19:1; Ps. 69:9

“True prayer is not the noisy sound/ That clamorous lips repeat/
But the deep silence of a soul/ That clasps Jehovah’s feet.”
– Charles Spurgeon

- God’s promised deliverance
2 Ki. 19:32-35

APPLICATION

- in prayer, be consumed with God’s name and fame.
- the school of affliction teaches us to trust the Lord.

“Our Savior has never promised that we shall have no afflictions. He loves us too well to promise that....By affliction He shows us our emptiness and weakness, draws us to the throne of grace, purifies our affections, weans us from the world, and makes us long for heaven.”
– J.C. Ryle