

King of the World – Week 3

2 Kings 18:1-7

In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign.

2 Kings 18:1-7

He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years...

2 Kings 18:1-7

He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done.

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He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it.

2 Kings 18:1-7

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.

2 Kings 18:1-7

He held fast to the Lord and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses.

2 Kings 18:1-7

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.

2 Chronicles 30:18-20

...But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, "May the Lord, who is good, pardon everyone

2 Chronicles 30:18-20

who sets their heart on seeking God—the Lord, the God of their ancestors—even if they are not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary."

2 Chronicles 30:18-20

And the Lord heard Hezekiah and healed the people.

2 Chronicles 31:1

When all this had ended, the Israelites who were there went out to the towns of Judah, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. They destroyed the high places and the altars throughout the land. After they had destroyed all of them, the Israelites returned to their own towns

It's not revival until it leaves the room.

2 Chronicles 32:1

After all that Hezekiah had so faithfully done, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah. He laid siege to the fortified cities, thinking to conquer them for himself.

2 Chronicles 32:10

"This is what Sennacherib king of Assyria says: On what are you basing your confidence, that you remain in Jerusalem under siege?"

2 Chronicles 32:11

When Hezekiah says, 'The Lord our God will save us from the hand of the king of Assyria,' he is misleading you, to let you die of hunger and thirst.

2 Chronicles 32:17

The king also wrote letters ridiculing the Lord, the God of Israel, and saying this against him: "Just as the gods of the peoples of the other lands did not rescue their people from my hand, so the god of Hezekiah will not rescue his people from my hand."

2 Chronicles 32:19-20

They spoke about the God of Jerusalem as they did about the gods of the other peoples of the world—the work of human hands.

2 Chronicles 32:19-20

King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz cried out in prayer to heaven about this.

2 Chronicles 32:23

Many brought offerings to Jerusalem for the Lord and valuable gifts for Hezekiah king of Judah. From then on he was highly regarded by all the nations.

2 Kings 20:1

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 Kings 20:2-3

Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord,

2 Kings 20:2-3

"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.

2 Kings 20:12-13

At that time Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan king of Babylon sent Hezekiah letters and a gift, because he had heard of Hezekiah's illness.

2 Kings 20:12-13

Hezekiah received the envoys and showed them all that was in his storehouses—the silver, the gold, the spices and the fine olive oil—his armory and everything found among his treasures. There was nothing in his palace or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

2 Kings 20:17-19

The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the Lord.

2 Kings 20:17-19

And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

2 Kings 20:17-19

For he thought, "At least there not be peace and security in my lifetime."

Questions from a King

1. On what are you placing your confidence?

2 Chronicles 32:7-8

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him.

2 Chronicles 32:7-8

With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.

Questions from a King

2. What are you leaving behind you?

Proverbs 13:22

A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children...

It's good to do right.
It's better to make right.

Hebrews 12:12-13

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

Hebrews 12:12-13

"Make straight paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

Questions from a King

3. Who are you sharing your treasures with?

Give equal love; not equal access.

Questions from a King

4. Do you know what it's all for?

Proverbs 27:21

The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold,
but people are tested by the praise they receive.

2 Chronicles 32:31

But when envoys were sent by the rulers of Babylon to ask him about the miraculous sign that had occurred in the land, God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart.

