



Fall of Israel & Rise of Hezekiah

2 Kings 16–18, 2 Chronicles 28-32

Lesson 84 Visuals

- **King Ahaz ruled the southern kingdom of Judah. Ahaz was a terrible king. He led Judah into idol worship and great sin.**
- **The Israelites in the North joined with the Arameans to attack Judah.**
- **Israel killed 120,000 soldiers from Judah.**
- **Israel captured people from Judah and took them back to Israel as their prisoners.**
- **The prophet told the Israelite army that God allowed Judah to be defeated because of their evil ways.**
- **The Israelite soldiers listened to the prophet of God and sent home the people from Judah that they had captured.**



- **When God allowed the Edomites and Philistines to attack, King Ahaz of Judah called on Assyria for help.**
- **After Ahaz removed items from the LORD's temple and put idols in their place, Ahaz shut the doors so that no one could worship there.**
- **Ahaz set up altars to idols on every street corner.**
- **King Hezekiah was not like his evil father, King Ahaz. Hezekiah did what was right in the eyes of the LORD.**
- **As soon as Hezekiah became king, he opened the doors and repaired the Temple of the LORD.**
- **Hezekiah ordered the Temple to be purified and all the idols to be removed.**
- **The people of Judah worshiped the Bronze Snake, an object that God instructed Moses to make hundreds of years earlier.**



- **Hezekiah broke that Bronze Snake into pieces because they were worshiping it.**
- **The LORD was with Hezekiah and made him successful in whatever he undertook.**
- **The King of Assyria invaded the northern kingdom of Israel. For three years, the Assyrians laid siege to Samaria.**
- **Samaria fell to the Assyrians. The people of Samaria were forced to move to Assyria.**
- **God had sent prophets to warn them that this would happen, but the Israelites did not listen.**
- **The King of Assyria sent people from Assyria to go live in Samaria.**
- **God then sent lions to punish those idol-worshiping Assyrians living in Samaria.**
- **The Assyrians could have easily invaded Judah at the same time they invaded Israel.**



- **The LORD protected Judah because of Hezekiah's and Judah's obedience and trust in the LORD.**
- **King Hezekiah invited everyone in Judah and everyone still left in Israel to come to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover.**
- **Ten years later, the LORD allowed Sennacherib, the King of Assyria to invade Judah. It wasn't that Hezekiah had disobeyed God. Rather, God wanted to show His power and bring glory and honor to His Name.**
- **Sennacherib made fun of Hezekiah for saying that the LORD will save them.**
- **Sennacherib said, "No god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my hand."**
- **Isaiah, the prophet of God, was there with King Hezekiah.**



- **King Hezekiah and Isaiah prayed together.**
- **Then, the LORD sent an angel to annihilate the Assyrian army.**
- **Sennacherib went home in disgrace. His own sons killed him when he went into the temple of his god.**
- **The LORD saved Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem and took care of them on every side.**