

## Humility & Prayers of Hezekiah, Manasseh & Josiah 2 Kings 20–23, 2 Chronicles 32-35 Lesson 85 Visuals

- King Hezekiah developed an infected boil that caused him to be so sick that he was at the point of death.
- When Hezekiah heard from Isaiah that he was doing to die, he turned his face to the wall and wept as he prayed.
- God healed Hezekiah and added 15 years to his life.
- The shadow moved backward instead of forward as a sign that God was going to add these 15 years to Hezekiah's life.
- The shadow moved ten steps backward on the Stairway of Ahaz.
- Hezekiah received visitors from the faroff nation of Babylon.



- Hezekiah showed these visitors everything he had of value, all his treasures.
- After the visitors from Babylon left, Isaiah told Hezekiah that a time will come when everything in his palace will be carried off to Babylon.
- Isaiah also said that some of Hezekiah's descendants will be taken away to Babylon and will be forced to serve the king there.
- Hezekiah heard God's message through Isaiah and said, "The word of the LORD you have spoken is good."
- Hezekiah didn't seem to care about future generations, but he was happy that there will be peace and security in his lifetime.
- Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king.



- Hezekiah, Manasseh's father, got rid of idols and idol worship in Judah. But Manasseh brought idol worship back to Judah.
- Manasseh was so evil that he sacrificed his own sons in the fire.
- The King of Assyria forced Manasseh to be his prisoner. He put a hook in his nose.
- The King of Assyria also bound Manasseh with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.
- In Manasseh's distress, Manasseh sought the LORD's favor.
- Manasseh did not continue in his pride.
   Instead, he humbled himself greatly.
- God did not say, "I'm sorry Manasseh you have just been too bad. I can't do anything for you." Instead, the LORD listened and answered his humble prayer.



- The LORD brought Manasseh back to Jerusalem.
- Manasseh then knew for sure that the LORD is God.
- The LORD radically changed Manasseh.
   He began doing things God's way from then on until he died.
- Manasseh's grandson Josiah became king at the age of eight years old.
- Josiah began to seek God when he was
   16 years old.
- When Josiah was 20 years old, he began to get rid of all the idols in Judah.
- When King Josiah was 26 years old, he ordered for the Temple of the LORD to be repaired.
- The Book of the Law was found while the temple was being repaired.
- Likely, this Book of the Law was Deuteronomy.



- When King Josiah heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes.
- Josiah tore his robes to show how upset he was that they had not been obeying God's instructions and were under God's curse.
- The prophetess Huldah inquired of the LORD. She said the curses would come on Judah because they had forsaken God.
- The LORD spoke through Huldah and said Josiah would not see this disaster because his heart was responsive, and he humbled himself, tore his robes, and wept in God's presence.
- King Josiah read the Book of the Law so that all the people could hear.
- Josiah renewed the covenant with the LORD.
- Josiah had a massive celebration of Passover in obedience to the LORD.