

2 Chronicles 29 - Hezekiah's Good Reign in Judah; Hezekiah Cleanses the Temple, Restores Temple Worship

IV. Judah's Kings (2 Chr 10:1—36:23)

(2) Reform and apostasy in Judah (2 Chr 12:1—36:14)

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Hezekiah

You would think that after the reign of Ahaz there would be no hope for the nation. They were depleted of their resources, they had been defeated in war, they had been betrayed by Assyria, and you would think there would be no help for them from any quarter.

However, Hezekiah came to the kingdom for such a time as this, because he is God's man. There were only five outstanding kings in the Davidic dynasty: Asa, Jehoshaphat, Joash, Hezekiah and Josiah.

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2 He practiced what the LORD considered to be right, following all of the examples set by his ancestor David.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

- Hezekiah, whose independent reign lasted 29 years (715-686 BC), also apparently co-reigned with his father Ahaz for 14 years (729-715 BC)

— The account of his life in 2 Chronicles covers his 29-year period after 715 BC

— Israel, the Northern Kingdom, had already fallen to the Assyrians in 722 BC and its people had been deported in large numbers (Cf. 2 Kings 17:1-6)

- Both the mother and the grandfather are mentioned here, but there is no mention of his father, old Ahaz. Apparently Hezekiah had a godly mother and a godly grandfather, and they influenced this young man.

The Chronicler credited Hezekiah with doing right in the sight of the LORD, "in accordance with all that his father David had done" (v2; Cf. 27:2). This high praise was also given to Asa (1 Kings 15:11), Jehoshaphat (2 Chr 17:3), and Josiah (2 Kings 22:2), but not to the other four good kings of Judah (Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, and Jotham).

Hezekiah's Temple Restoration Project (Cf. 2 Kings 18:4-6)

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4 He brought in the priests and the Levites and gathered them into the public square on the east.

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4 Then he brought in the priests and descendants of Levi, gathered them into the square in the eastern part of the Temple,

4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

- In the very first month of his sole reign (in 715 BC) he opened the temple doors to repair them and restore the Lord's house, since Ahaz, his wicked father, had barred the temple (28:24)

— He carried out the clean-up job hurriedly in order to prepare for the celebration of Passover (Cf. v17,26; 30:1)

5 Then he said to them, "Listen to me, you Levites. Consecrate yourselves now, and consecrate the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry the uncleanness out of the holy place.

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5 and told them,

"Pay attention to me, you descendants of Levi! Consecrate yourselves and the Temple of the LORD God of your ancestors by taking out from the Holy Place whatever is unclean.

5 And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have been unfaithful and have done evil in the sight of the LORD our God, and they have abandoned Him and turned their faces away from the dwelling place of the LORD, and have turned *their* backs.

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6 Our ancestors have been unfaithful. They practiced what the LORD considers to be evil, abandoned him, turned their faces away from the place where the LORD resides, and turned their backs to him.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned their backs.

- Hezekiah gathered the priests and the Levites before the temple (on the east side) and commanded them to consecrate themselves to the work of purifying and repairing the temple, which, in the years of Ahaz especially, had fallen into a sorry state of deterioration

7 They have also shut the doors of the porch and extinguished the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

7 They have also shut the doors of the porch and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings in the holy place to the God of Israel.

7 They shut the doors to the vestibule of the Temple, extinguished its lamps, and have not burned incense or offered burnt offerings to the God of Israel in the Holy Place.

7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.

8 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was against Judah and Jerusalem, and He has made them an object of terror, of horror, and of hissing, as you see with your own eyes.

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8 That's why the LORD was angry with Judah and Jerusalem and made them an object of terror, horror, and derision, as you've seen with your own eyes.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

- The Lord in His anger (Cf. 28:9,25) had therefore sent judgment on the nation, so much so that some of them had gone into captivity to the Arameans, Israelites, and Edomites (Cf. 28:5-8,17)

9 For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons, our daughters, and our wives are in captivity because of this.

9 For behold, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

9 Now look! Our ancestors have been killed with swords and our sons, daughters, and wives are being held captive because of all of this.

9 For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this.

10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, so that His burning anger may turn away from us.

10 Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His burning anger may turn away from us.

10 I'm intending to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel so his burning anger may turn away from us.

10 Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

11 My sons, do not be negligent now, for the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and to be His ministers and burn incense."

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11 Please don't be careless, you descendants of Aaron, because the LORD has chosen you to minister in his presence, to serve him, to be his ministers, and to burn incense."

11 My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

- Hezekiah now intended to renew the ancient Mosaic Covenant with the Lord so that He might once again bless the nation

— To this call the Levites assented and by their allotted divisions began to do the work

When there is a financial crisis, the first thing we think about is money. When there is a communications crisis, our prime concern is to learn how to talk the language of the modern generation. When there is a church attendance crisis, we make it our chief aim to get numbers up. If Hezekiah had responded to a military threat in a military way, the Assyrians would have understood that. Army would have been matched against army, with dire consequences for Judah. But instead he and his people first look to God.

12 Then the Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, from the sons of the Kohathites; and from the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and from the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah;

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12 Here are the names of the descendants of Levi who made themselves available to God: Amasai's son Mahath and Azariah's son Joel from the descendants of Kohath; Abdi's son Kish and Jehallelel's son Azariah from the descendants of Merari; Zimmah's son Joah and Joah's son Eden from the descendants of Gershon;

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13 and from the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; and from the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah;

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13 And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

- The Gershonites and Merarites evidently made up the smaller groups while the Kohathites were further subdivided by the clans of Elizaphan (v13; Cf. 1 Chr 15:8) and Heman. Asaph, however, was a Gershonite.

14 and from the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and from the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel.

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14 And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

15 They assembled their brothers, consecrated themselves, and went in to cleanse the house of the LORD, according to the commandment of the king by the words of the LORD.

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15 They also brought together their brothers, consecrated themselves, and proceeded to cleanse the LORD's Temple, just as the king had ordered in accordance with what the LORD had told him.

15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

16 So the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse *it*, and they brought every unclean thing which they found in the temple of the LORD out to the courtyard of the house of the LORD. Then the Levites received *it* to carry out to the Kidron Valley.

16 So the priests went in to the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse *it*, and every unclean thing which they found in the temple of the LORD they brought out to the court of the house of the LORD. Then the Levites received *it* to carry out to the Kidron valley.

16 The priests entered the inner courts of the LORD's Temple to cleanse *it*, and they brought out everything unclean that they found there to the outer court of the LORD's Temple. Then the descendants of Levi carried everything from there out to the Kidron Valley.

16 And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.

- They, with their comrades, began to remove to the Kidron Valley (Cf. 15:16; 30:14) everything impure from the temple
- The Kidron Valley was a convenient place to dump unclean things, since it was just east of the temple area
- In this action Hezekiah was following the word of the Lord, as given in Deut 12:2-4

17 Now they began the consecration on the first *day* of the first month, and on the eighth day of the month they entered the porch of the LORD. Then they consecrated the house of the LORD in eight days, and finished on the sixteenth day of the first month.

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17 They began their consecration duties on the first day of the first month and finished at the LORD's outer vestibule on the eighth day of the month. Another eight days was used to consecrate the LORD's Temple, so they completed the work on the sixteenth day of the first month.

17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

- Then for eight days, they reconsecrated everything outside the temple and for eight more everything inside

18 Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, "We have cleansed the whole house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the table of the showbread with all of its utensils.

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18 After this, they went to King Hezekiah and told him, "We have cleansed all of the LORD's Temple, including the altar for burnt offerings, all of its utensils, the table of showbread, and all of its utensils.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

19 Moreover, all the utensils which King Ahaz had discarded during his reign in his unfaithfulness, we have prepared and consecrated; and behold, they are before the altar of the LORD."

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19 In addition, we have prepared and rededicated all of the utensils that King Ahaz threw away during his unfaithful reign, and now they’re back in service at the LORD’s altar.”

19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

- When the Levites had finished, they reported to Hezekiah that they had not only reconsecrated the temple and all its contents but had retrieved all the objects Ahaz had carried away to use in his pagan services

Hezekiah Restores Temple Worship

20 Then King Hezekiah got up early and assembled the princes of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

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20 Early the next morning, King Hezekiah got up and assembled the city officials and went up to the LORD’s Temple,

20 Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 They brought seven bulls, seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats as a sin offering for the kingdom, the sanctuary, and Judah. And he ordered the priests, the sons of Aaron, to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

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21 where they brought seven rams, seven lambs, and seven male goats for a sin offering on behalf of the kingdom, the Holy Place, and Judah. He ordered that the priests, as descendants of Aaron, place the offerings on the LORD’s altar.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar of the LORD.

- The next day Hezekiah led the people in a great festival of sacrifice to make atonement for their sins

— He first offered a sin offering to atone for the guilt of Judah...

22 So they slaughtered the bulls, and the priests took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. They also slaughtered the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar; they slaughtered the lambs as well, and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

22 So they slaughtered the bulls, and the priests took the blood and sprinkled it on the altar. They also slaughtered the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar; they slaughtered the lambs also and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

22 So they slaughtered the bulls and the priests sprinkled the blood on the altar. They also slaughtered the rams and sprinkled the blood on the altar, and they also slaughtered the lambs and sprinkled the blood on the altar.

22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

23 Then they brought the male goats of the sin offering before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them.

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23 They brought the male goats for the sin offering to the king within the assembled gathering, laid their hands on them,

23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

24 The priests slaughtered them and purified the altar with their blood to atone for all Israel, because the king ordered the burnt offering and the sin offering for all Israel.

24 The priests slaughtered them and purged the altar with their blood to atone for all Israel, for the king ordered the burnt offering and the sin offering for all Israel.

24 and then the priests slaughtered them and purged the altar with their blood as a sin offering to atone for all Israel, because the king ordered that the burnt offering and the sin offering be made for all Israel.

24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

25 He then stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres, according to the command of David and of Gad, the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for the command was from the LORD through His prophets.

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the prophet; for the command was from the LORD through His prophets.

25 Hezekiah stationed descendants of Levi in the LORD's Temple to play cymbals and stringed instruments, just as David, Gad the seer, and Nathan the prophet had directed, because the command to do so was from the LORD through those prophets.

25 And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.

- With the musicians in their prescribed places, the sacrifices, including also a burnt offering (Cf. Lev 1), began to the accompaniment of vocal and instrumental music

26 The Levites stood with the *musical* instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

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26 The descendants of Levi played instruments that had been crafted by David and the priests sounded trumpets.

26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

27 Then Hezekiah gave the order to offer the burnt offering on the altar. When the burnt offering began, the song to the LORD *also* began with the trumpets, *accompanied* by the instruments of David, king of Israel.

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27 Hezekiah gave a command to offer burnt offerings on the altar, and when the burnt offerings began, a song to the LORD also began with trumpets sounding and with the instruments that King David of Israel had crafted.

27 And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.

- After the sin offering (v21), Hezekiah sacrificed burnt offerings of worship, then led the people in worship (v29)

28 While the whole assembly worshiped, the singers also sang and the trumpets sounded; all this *continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

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28 Everybody in the assembly worshipped, the singers sang, and the trumpets sounded. They continued doing this until the burnt offering sacrifice was completed.

28 And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.

29 Now at the completion of the burnt offerings, the king and all who were present with him bowed down and worshiped.

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29 When the sacrifices had been offered, the king and everyone else who was present with him bowed down and worshipped.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshipped.

- Then the king and the people prostrated themselves before the Lord while psalms of David and Asaph were sung

30 Moreover, King Hezekiah and the officials ordered the Levites to sing praises to the LORD with the words of David and Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with joy, and bowed down and worshiped.

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30 King Hezekiah and his officials ordered the descendants of Levi to sing praises to the LORD based on psalms that had been written by David and Asaph the seer. So they all joyfully sang praises, bowed low, and worshipped.

30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah said, "Now *that* you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come forward and bring sacrifices and thanksgiving offerings to the house of the LORD." So the assembly brought sacrifices and thanksgiving offerings, and everyone who was willing *brought* burnt offerings.

31 Then Hezekiah said, "Now *that* you have consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of the LORD." And the assembly brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and all those who were willing *brought* burnt offerings.

31 After this, Hezekiah announced, "Now that you've consecrated yourselves to the LORD, come near and bring your sacrifices and thanksgiving offerings to the LORD's Temple." So the assembly brought sacrifices and thanksgiving offerings, and everyone who was willing to do so brought burnt offerings.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings.

- Since the offerings just made were for the kingdom, the temple, and the collective covenant community (v21), Hezekiah now gave individuals an opportunity to participate

32 The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bulls, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all of these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

32 The number of the burnt offerings which the assembly brought was 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 lambs; all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

32 The number of burnt offerings brought by the assembly was 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 lambs. All of these were burnt offerings to the LORD.

32 And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt offering to the LORD.

33 The consecrated *offerings* were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep.

33 The consecrated things were 600 bulls and 3,000 sheep.

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33 And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep.

- The people brought 70 bulls, 100 rams, and 200 male lambs as burnt offerings

— The people also brought 600 bulls, and 3,000 sheep and goats as sacrifices for burnt offerings and thank offerings (v31)

34 But the priests were too few, so that they were unable to skin all the burnt offerings; therefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was finished and the *other* priests had consecrated themselves. For the Levites were more conscientious to consecrate themselves than the priests.

34 But the priests were too few, so that they were unable to skin all the burnt offerings; therefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was completed and until the *other* priests had consecrated themselves. For the Levites were more conscientious to consecrate themselves than the priests.

34 Because there weren't enough priests, they were unable to prepare all the burnt offerings until other priests came forward after having consecrated themselves, so their descendant of Levi relatives assisted them until the services were complete. (The descendants of Levi had been more conscientious in consecrating themselves than had been the priests.)

34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests.

- Because of a shortage of priests, the Levites assisted in slaughtering the animals

- The thank offerings were called fellowship offerings in Lev 3; 7:11-21

— These burnt and thank offerings were expressions of personal piety above and beyond those offered on behalf of the nation as a whole.

35 There *were* also many burnt offerings with the fat of the peace offerings and the drink offerings for the burnt offerings. So the service of the house of the LORD was established *again*.

35 There *were* also many burnt offerings with the fat of the peace offerings and with the libations for the burnt offerings. Thus the service of the house of the LORD was established *again*.

35 Furthermore, there were also many burnt offerings, fat from peace offerings, and drink offerings. And that's how the service of the Lord's Temple was restored.

35 And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order.

36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people, because the thing came about suddenly.

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36 Hezekiah and all of the people were ecstatic with joy because of what God had done for the people, since everything had come about so suddenly.

36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

- In his first month, Hezekiah had reestablished proper temple worship, an accomplishment that brought great rejoicing