

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**2 Kings 20-21**  
**Wednesday March 22, 2017**

**2 Kings 20:1-6**

**2 Kings 18 – Hezekiah the reformer.**

**2 Kings 19 – Hezekiah prayed to the Lord when threatened by the Assyrians.**

**2 Kings 18-25 – Judah, to Deportation, to Babylon; 155 years, 715-560 BC.**

**Hezekiah – means “the Lord strengthens”.**

**1. 2 Kings 20:1-11 – Hezekiah The Sufferer**

**2. 2 Kings 20:12-21 – Hezekiah The Bragger**

**3. 2 Kings 21:1-18 – Manasseh, Humiliated By Affliction**

**4. 2 Kings 21:19-26 – Amon, Hardened By Disobedience**

**1. 2 Kings 20:1-11 – Hezekiah The Sufferer:**

“Hezekiah became mortally ill.” – 2 Chronicles 32:24-25.

“Set your house in order” – involved, most of all, appointing an heir to the throne.

2 Kings 20:2 – Hezekiah’s response was to turn away from all around him and pray to the Lord.

2 Kings 20:3

This prayer is also recorded in Isaiah 38:1-8.

2 Chronicles 6:16-17

Lord’s gracious covenant with David and his descendants,  
2 Samuel 7:1-17.

2 Kings 20:4-5

**Giving Isaiah 2 great promises to share with Hezekiah:**

**Promise #1 – Hezekiah Would Recover And Worship.**

2 Kings 20:6

**Promise #2** – If The Assyrians Returned, The Lord Would Defend Jerusalem.

2 Kings 20:7-11

**King Hezekiah as an effective reformer who cleansed and consecrated the temple and restored the priestly ministry.**

**But Hezekiah the negotiator capitulated to Assyria and paid tribute in order to avoid war.**

### **2. 2 Kings 20:12-21 – Hezekiah The Bragger:**

2 Kings 20:12-13

Hezekiah's Pride: "Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all his treasure house," – Babylon first came as the serpent, then Babylon would return as the lion.

2 Chronicles 32:25-26

2 Chronicles 32:27-30

2 Kings 20:14-18 – Isaiah's Prophecy To Hezekiah: 2 Kings 20:14-19.

2 Chronicles 32:26

How gracious it is of the Lord to prepare us for what He has prepared for us!

2 Kings 20:20-21 – Hezekiah's Death: 2 Kings 20:20.

2 Chronicles 32:30 – "And Hezekiah prospered in all that he did,"

He was a model of the Psalm 1 "blessed man" in the person who obeys the Word, meditates on it, and depends upon the power of God.

2 Kings 20:21 – 2 Chronicles 32:33.

Like all of us, Hezekiah had his lapses of faith and his failures, but was undoubtedly one of the greatest kings in Jewish history.

### **3. 2 Kings 21:1-18 – Manasseh, Humiliated By Affliction:**

2 Kings 21:1

Verses 2-15 – Manasseh's Wickedness: 2 Kings 21:2.

Manasseh Proved to be as Depraved as Hezekiah was Devoted!

2 Kings 21:3-6

“He made his son pass through the fire,” – Manasseh followed the religion of Molech and caused his sons to pass through the altar fire, Leviticus 18:21; 20:1-5.

“practiced witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists.” – He consulted spiritists and mediums, Leviticus 19:31; Deut. 18:11.

2 Kings 21:7-9

Verses 10-15 – The Warning From The Prophets: 2 Kings 21:10-12.

“both his ears will tingle.” – “to tingle, to quiver,” and is related to the word for cymbals and bells.

2 Kings 21:13-14

“abandon” – means “to give over to judgment.” God promised never to abandon His people (1 Samuel 12:22; 2 Samuel 7:23-24), but He also warned that He would chasten them if they disobeyed Him.

2 Kings 21:15-18

2 Kings does not record this, but Chronicles records Manasseh’s Repentance, 2 Chronicles 33:11-13, 19.

Manasseh’s Reformation – 2 Chronicles 33:14-18, 20.

#### **4. 2 Kings 21:19-26 – Amon, Hardened By Disobedience:**

2 Kings 21:19-20

“as Manasseh his father had done.” – After his repentance, Manasseh tried to undo all the damage he had done to Jerusalem and Judah, but there was one place where he could make no changes – in the heart of his son Amon.

2 Kings 21:21-22

Romans 6:23 – “The wages of sin is death”

2 Kings 21:23-26

## **Application:**

1. Hezekiah, Upon Hearing That He Was Going To Die, Responded Spiritually. 2 Kings 20:2 – “Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,” – Hezekiah Turned Away From All Around Him And Prayed To The Lord. Psalm 32:6 – “Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him.”
2. Like All Of Us, Hezekiah Had His Lapses Of Faith And His Failures, But Like King David, Hezekiah Would Turn To God In Prayer And Surrender.
3. Hezekiah’s Wicked Son Manasseh Replaced Him. Manasseh Proved To Be As Depraved As Hezekiah Was Devoted. The Good News Is That At The End Of Manasseh’s Life, He Attempted To Undo The Wrongs He Had Done. Never To Late To Make A Change.
4. Manasseh Was Replaced By His Wicked Son Amon. After Manasseh’s Repentance, Manasseh Tried To Undo All The Damage He Had Done To Jerusalem And Judah, But There Was One Place Where He Could Make No Changes – In The Heart Of His Son Amon.