



2 Kings 18:1-8

¹ Now it came about in the third year of Hoshea, the son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah became king. ² He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. ³ He did right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done. ⁴ He removed the high places and broke down the *sacred* pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it; and it was called Nehushtan.

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⁵ He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *among those* who were before him. ⁶ For he clung to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

⁷ And the LORD was with him; wherever he went he prospered. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

⁸ He defeated the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

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➤ Good News! A David-Like King

- no compromise! – he removed the “high places” and every form of idolatry
- he *trusted* in Yahweh, and like David, the Lord “was with him”

Good news! A king greater than David has come

Whom Do You Trust?

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1. The Test of Trust

- God appoints difficulties, even evil things, to test the genuineness of our trust in Him (cf. Jam. 1:2-3; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 2 Cor. 1:8-9)
- God's tests are an act of love for our good, and His even greater purposes

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2. The Undermining of Trust

- God is unable or unwilling to deliver – trust in what you can see and measure
- trust in an alternative “savior” and the promise of an alternative “paradise” here and now
- all religions are the same – man-made gods inept for real life

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?
² The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
³ “Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!”
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.
⁵ Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
⁶ “But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”

⁷ “I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.
⁸ ‘Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
⁹ ‘You shall break them with a rod of iron,
You shall shatter them like earthenware.’”
¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;
Take warning, O judges of the earth.
¹¹ Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.
¹² Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you
perish *in* the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

(Psalm 2:1-12)