

“Through the Bible: II Kings 16-19”

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I. Ahaz Reigns as King; Ahaz Mimics Sinful Activities (II Kings 16-17)

- A. II Kings 16:1-4 tells of the rule of _____, who began to reign at the age of _____. He reigned _____ years in Jerusalem. How does the Bible describe his reign? _____
- B. Who came to war against Jerusalem and Ahaz, but was not strong enough to overcome them (II Kings 16:5)? _____
- C. Who did Ahaz secure to help him fight against his enemies? What gift did Ahaz send to help acquire the aid (II Kings 16:6-9)? _____
- D. Ahaz took a trip to Damascus. What did he see there which he liked so much, he had Urijah the priest build an exact duplicate for Jerusalem (II Kings 16:10-11)?

- E. Ahaz made offerings “upon the _____” (II Kings 16:13), and moved the “_____ altar” (II Kings 16:14) from its place to “_____ by” (II Kings 16:15).
- F. Ahaz continued to make unauthorized changes to the Lord’s house, namely “for the king of _____” (II Kings 16:18). He died and _____ reigned in his stead (II Kings 16:20).
- G. II Kings 17:1-23 reads like an obituary of the northern kingdom of Israel.
- Who came up against Hoshea, and what was Hoshea’s relationship to him (II Kings 17:3)? _____
 - Eventually, finding “_____” with Hoshea, the king of Assyria “_____ him in _____” (II Kings 17:4).
 - “In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took _____, and carried Israel _____ into Assyria” (II Kings 17:6).
 - II Kings 17:7-12 enumerates the many sins of Israel, yet the Lord, through “_____” and “_____” begged Israel to “_____ ye from your _____ ways” (II Kings 17:13).
 - How does II Kings 17:14 indicate Israel responded to this invitation?

 - “So was Israel _____ away out of their own land to _____ unto this day” (II Kings 17:23). Read II Kings 18:9-12.
- H. II Kings 17:24-41 tells of the Assyrians coming to possess the cities of _____ (II Kings 17:24). A _____ who and been carried away captive was brought back to “_____ them the _____ of the God of the land” (II Kings 17:28). It was a mixed result, as “They feared the _____, and served their own _____, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence” (II Kings 17:33).

II. Hezekiah Reigns as King; Assyria Attempts War with Judah (II Kings 18)

- A. We are introduced to _____ in II Kings 18. He was _____ years old when he began to rule, and reigned _____ years (II Kings 18:1-2). Note what the Bible says about him below.
1. II Kings 18:4 _____
 2. II Kings 18:5-6 _____
 3. II Kings 18:7 _____
 4. II Kings 18:8 _____
- B. In the _____ year of Hezekiah's reign, _____ king of Assyria came to fight against Judah (II Kings 18:13). Much discussion was had between the men of Assyria and the men of Hezekiah, who were trying their best to avoid an altercation with Assyria, including offering what amounted to bribes (II Kings 18:14-27).
- C. The envoy from Assyria, "cried with a _____ voice in the _____ language" (II Kings 18:28) and essentially said "Don't _____ to Hezekiah" (II Kings 18:31-32). The men from Syria were belittling, in a prideful way, Hezekiah for promising the people of Judah, "The _____ will _____ us" (II Kings 18:32).
- D. How did the people, including the messengers of Judah, respond to these taunts (II Kings 18:36-37)? _____

III. Assyrians Make Mistake in Belittling God and His Followers (II Kings 19)

- A. Hezekiah, too, was greatly bothered by these events. He immediately sent his messengers to seek the counsel and prayers of _____ the prophet, the son of Amoz (II Kings 19:1-5).
- B. Isaiah's chief message was, "Be not _____ of the _____ which thou hast heard...I will cause him to fall by the _____ in his own _____" (II Kings 19:6-7).
- C. The Assyrians continued to sneer at Hezekiah and his trust in God (II Kings 19:8-13). What did Hezekiah think to do first (II Kings 19:14)? _____
- D. "Now therefore, O LORD our God, I _____ thee, _____ thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may _____ that thou art the LORD God, even thou _____" (II Kings 19:19).
- E. II Kings 19:20-34 contains a stunning and beautiful response from God, through the voice of _____ (II Kings 19:20). In the end, God said, "For I will _____ this city, to _____ it, for _____ own sake, and for my servant _____ sake" (II Kings 19:34).
- F. "And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an _____: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses" (II Kings 19:35). Sennacherib was murdered by his _____ (II Kings 19:37).