

LORD OF THE KINGS

Pt 1 - 22. Hezekiah - The Man ("The LORD is my Strength") (2 k 18:3,5,6,7)

Pt 2 - 23. Hezekiah - The Heart of the Man (2 c 31:20-21)

This Week - 24. Hezekiah - Trust Tested

2 Kings 18:13-16

* Described on 6 Sided Prism "Annals of Sennacherib" (Bible in the British Museum, Pg 59)

* What's going on? Thought Hezekiah was a Good King? (2 C 32:1 After/deeds/faithfulness)

2 Kings 18:17-37

* Portrayed on "Siege of Lachish Reliefs" (Bible in the British Museum, Pg 60-64)

* What word do you see repeated 7 times? Trust

* What do we learn about Hezekiah in 18:5? He trusted in the Lord God of Israel...

* So, what is going on here? Has God forsaken Hezekiah???

* Hezekiah = "Lord is My Strength" (Did/Right, Trusted, Held Fast, Sought/Lord/All/Heart)

A - Hezekiah's Trust is being put to the Test!

Proverbs 17:3 ³The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests the hearts.

1 Chron 29:17 ¹⁷I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness...

* The Lord tests us to build/refine us; The devil tempts us to destroy us!

2 Kings 19:1-7

* 18:13-37 = 1st Threat

* When Hezekiah's Trust is Tested, he Turns to the Lord in Prayer!!!

V1 – When he heard it...#1 - he went into the house of the Lord – The Lord First!

V2 – He sent to Eliakim...to Isaiah...#2 – he sent to man 2nd! (Wise Counsel)

V6-7 – The Lord answers!!!

2 Kings 19:8-19 = 2nd Threat

* V14 – When he read it...#1 – he went into the house of the Lord – Prayed!!!