

Massive and Real REVIVAL ~ 2 Chronicles 29-31

→ Scripture Reading - 2 Kings 18:1-7

INTRODUCTION

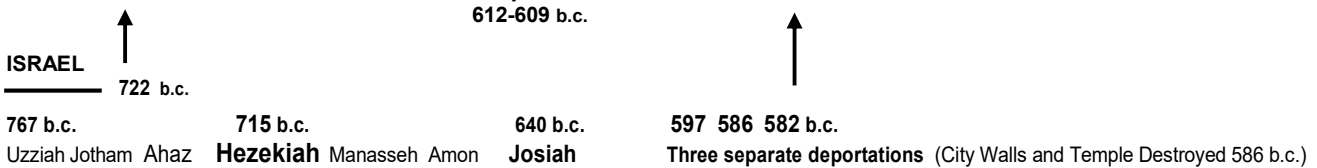
He is a Chip off the old block
She is the Spitting image of her Grandma
The nut does not fall far from the tree

As Different as Black and White
As Different Chalk and Cheese
As Different as Night and Day

2 Chronicles 28 (NIV) ²² In his time of trouble King Ahaz became even more unfaithful to the LORD. ²³ He offered sacrifices to the gods of Damascus, who had defeated him; for he thought, Since the gods of the kings of Aram have helped them, I will sacrifice to them so they will help me...

²⁴ Ahaz gathered together the furnishings from the temple of God and took them away. He SHUT the DOORS of the LORD's temple and SET UP altars at every street corner in Jerusalem. ²⁵ In every town in Judah he built high places to burn sacrifices to other gods...

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JUDAH

First Things FIRST ~ 2 Chronicles 29

^{29:1} Hezekiah was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. ² He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, JUST as his father David had done. (NIV)

²³ The goats for the SIN OFFERING were brought before the king and the assembly, and they laid their hands on them.

²⁴ The priests then slaughtered the goats and presented their blood on the altar for a sin offering to atone for all Israel, because the king had ordered the burnt offering and the sin offering for ALL Israel. (NIV)

Sin Offering - sacrifice was made to atone for sin and cleanse from defilement. gotquestion.org

^{29:35} There were burnt offerings in abundance, together with the fat of the fellowship offerings and the drink offerings that accompanied the burnt offerings. So the service of the Temple of the LORD was reestablished. ³⁶ Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced at what God had brought about for his people, because it was done so quickly. (NIV)

Burnt Offering - voluntary act of worship to express devotion and commitment to God. gotquestion.org

Thank Offering - a sacrifice of thanksgiving and fellowship gotquestion.org

IMPLICATION

^{29:23} Then they brought the goats for the sin offering right into the presence of the king and the congregation, who laid their hands on them. ²⁴ The priests slaughtered the goats and put their blood on the altar for a SIN Offering, to make atonement for ALL Israel, for the king said that the burnt offering and sin offering were for all Israel.

Hebrews 10:11-12 (NIV) Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can NEVER take away sins. ¹² But when THIS Priest had offered for ALL time ONE sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Joyful Celebration of Passover ~ 2 Chronicles 30

^{30:1} Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel. (NIV)

^{30:25} The entire assembly of Judah rejoiced, along with the priests and Levites and all who had assembled from Israel, including the aliens who had come from Israel and those who lived in Judah. ²⁶ There was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. ²⁷ The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard them, for their prayer reached heaven, his holy dwelling place. (NIV)

IMPLICATION

¹⁸...May the LORD, who is GOOD, pardon everyone ¹⁹ who sets his heart on seeking God - the LORD, the God of his fathers - even if he is not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary

Psalm 103:8-14 (NIV) The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; ¹⁰ He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion on His children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; ¹⁴ for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust.

Support for the Levites and Priests ~ 2 Chronicles 31

^{31:1} When all this had ended, the Israelites who were there went out to the towns of Judah, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. They destroyed the high places and the altars throughout Judah and Benjamin and in Ephraim and Manasseh. After they had destroyed ALL of them, the Israelites returned to their own towns and to their own property. (NIV)

^{31:20} This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. ²¹ In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered. (NIV)

TAKE AWAY ??

^{31:20} This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful BEFORE the LORD his God.

²³ Am I only a God nearby, declares the Lord, and not a God far away?

Jeremiah 23:23-24 (NET) Do you people think that I am some local deity and not the transcendent God?" the LORD asks. ²⁴ "Do you really think anyone can hide himself where I cannot see him?" the LORD asks. "Do you not know that I am everywhere?" the LORD asks.

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends You, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.