

“Hezekiah’s Revival”
2 Chronicles 29:1-2

Introduction: Hezekiah is the thirteenth king of the Southern Kingdom. He has approached the throne of Judah at one of the worst times spiritually in the nation’s history. Ahaz, the prior king, had led Judah into further paganism and wickedness. He did not that which is right and walked in the ways of the kings of Israel. He is perhaps the second worst king that the nation has had. Notice:

1. The Sacrifice of Ahaz 2 Chronicles 28:3- *“Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.”*
2. The Slaughter of Ahaz
 - a. By the King of Syria 2 Chronicles 28:5- *“Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter.”*
 - b. By the King of Israel 2 Chronicles 28:6- *“For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, which were all valiant men; because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers.”*
3. The Slavery of Ahaz 2 Chronicles 28:8- *“And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria.”*
4. The Suppression of Ahaz 2 Chronicles 28:19- *“For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he made Judah naked, and transgressed sore against the LORD.”*
5. The Sinfulness of Ahaz
 - a. Concerning his Transgressions
 - (1) 2 Chronicles 28:22- *“And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this is that king Ahaz.”*
 - (2) 2 Chronicles 28:23- *“For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel.”*
 - (3) 2 Chronicles 28:25- *“And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.”*
 - b. Concerning the Temple
 - (1) 2 Chronicles 28:21- *“For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not.”*
 - (2) 2 Chronicles 28:24- *“And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem.”*

Body: Ahaz was such a wicked king that the leaders of Judah would not bury him in the sepulchers of the kings of Israel (2 Chronicles 28:27). It was in this condition that Hezekiah

would have to ascent the throne of Judah. Hezekiah would follow his wicked dad as ruler of the nation of Judah, but he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. In a sense, Hezekiah had a revival that brought the nation back to the Lord. What kind of revival was it that Hezekiah experienced that we need to experience today?

I. It was a Revival of Church 2 Chronicles 29

A. A Revival of Temple Services

1. 2 Chronicles 29:7- *“Also they have shut up the doors of the porch...”*
2. 2 Chronicles 29:3- *“He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.”*

B. A Revival of Temple Sanctification

1. We need a revival like Josiah’s revival:
 - a. He Pondered the Book 2 Chronicles 34:14-31
 - b. He Purified the Nation 2 Kings 23:4-25
2. 2 Chronicles 29:5- *“And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.”*
3. 2 Chronicles 29:16- *“And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.”*

C. A Revival of Temple Sacrifices

1. 2 Chronicles 29:7- *“Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.”*
2. 2 Chronicles 29:11- *“My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.”*

D. A Revival of Temple Singing

1. 2 Chronicles 29:25- *“And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for so was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.”*
2. 2 Chronicles 29:27- *“And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by David king of Israel.”*
3. 2 Chronicles 29:28- *“And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: and all this continued until the burnt offering was finished.”*
4. 2 Chronicles 29:30- *“Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.”*

E. A Revival of Temple Suddenness 2 Chronicles 29:36- *“And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly.”*

- II. It was a Revival of Calvary 2 Chronicles 30 (1 Corinthians 5:7- *“Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:”*)
- A. A Revival of Remembering Calvary 2 Chronicles 30:5- *“So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beersheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done it of a long time in such sort as it was written.”*
 - B. A Revival of the Righteousness of Calvary
 1. 2 Chronicles 30:8- *“Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.”*
 2. Titus 2:11-12- *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”*
 3. 2 Chronicles 30:18-20
 - C. A Revival of Rejoicing about Calvary
 1. 2 Chronicles 30:21- *“And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.”*
 2. 2 Chronicles 30:25- *“And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.”*
 3. 2 Chronicles 30:26- *“So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.”*
- III. It was a Revival of Cleansing 2 Chronicles 31:1- *“Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.”*
- IV. It was a Revival of Contributions 2 Chronicles 31
- A. The Commandment to Tithe 2 Chronicles 31:4
 1. Deuteronomy 8:18- *“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.”*
 2. Leviticus 27:30- *“And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.”*
 3. Deuteronomy 26:1-2, 10-11
 4. Even hypocrites tithe, why don't you?
 5. Matthew 23:23- *“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the*

law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

6. 2 Chronicles 31:4- *“Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD.”*
7. What was the tithe for?
 - a. Taking Care of the Priests and the Levites
 - (1) 2 Chronicles 31:4- *“...to give the portion of the priests and the Levites...”*
 - (2) Numbers 18:20-24
 - (3) Nehemiah 13:10-14
 - b. Taking Care of Prophets 1 Kings 17:8-16
 - c. Taking Care of Apostles
 - (1) Matthew 10:6-10
 - (2) Luke 10:7- *“And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.”*
 - d. Taking Care of Elders
 - (1) Acts 6:1-4
 - (2) 1 Corinthians 9:7-14
 - (3) Galatians 6:6- *“Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.”*
 - (4) 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
 - (5) 1 Timothy 5:17-18
 - (6) Philippians 4:10-19
- B. The Compliance with the Tithe
 1. Deuteronomy 14:22- *“Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year.”*
 2. 2 Chronicles 31:5- *“And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly.”*
- C. The Consequences of the Tithe
 1. 2 Chronicles 31:10- *“And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.”*
 2. Malachi 3:8-10
 3. 2 Chronicles 31:11-19

Conclusion: The revival that Hezekiah experienced when he did that which is good, right, and truth had a powerful impact on the nation of Judah. God began to bless and prosper every work that he did because he was doing it with all of his heart. This is the revival that we need to see in our day! (2 Chronicles 31:20-21)