



# **I Will Defend This City**

2 Kings 19:32-34

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# I. Hezekiah begins his reign with whole-hearted devotion to God.

*He did what was right in the Lord's sight just as his ancestor David had done.*

**2 Chronicles 29:2**

*Hezekiah did this throughout all Judah. He did what was good and upright and true before the Lord his God.*

**2 Chronicles 31:20**



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*In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the Lord's temple and repaired them. 4 Then he brought in the priests and Levites and gathered them in the eastern public square.*

***2 Chronicles 29:3-4***



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*It is in my heart now to make a covenant with Yahweh, the God of Israel so that His burning anger may turn away from us.*

***2 Chronicles 29:10***



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## ***2 Chronicles 29:27-30***

*Then Hezekiah ordered that the burnt offering be offered on the altar. When the burnt offerings began, the song of the Lord and the trumpets began, accompanied by the instruments of David king of Israel. <sup>28</sup>*

*The whole assembly was worshiping, singing the song,*



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*and blowing the trumpets—all of this continued until the burnt offering was completed. <sup>29</sup> When the burnt offerings were completed, the king and all those present with him bowed down and worshiped.*



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*<sup>30</sup> Then King Hezekiah and the officials told the Levites to sing praise to the Lord in the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with rejoicing and bowed down and worshiped.*



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## ***2 Chronicles 30:9***

*<sup>9</sup> for when you return to Yahweh, your brothers and your sons will receive mercy in the presence of their captors and will return to this land. For Yahweh your God is gracious and merciful; He will not turn His face away from you if you return to Him.”*



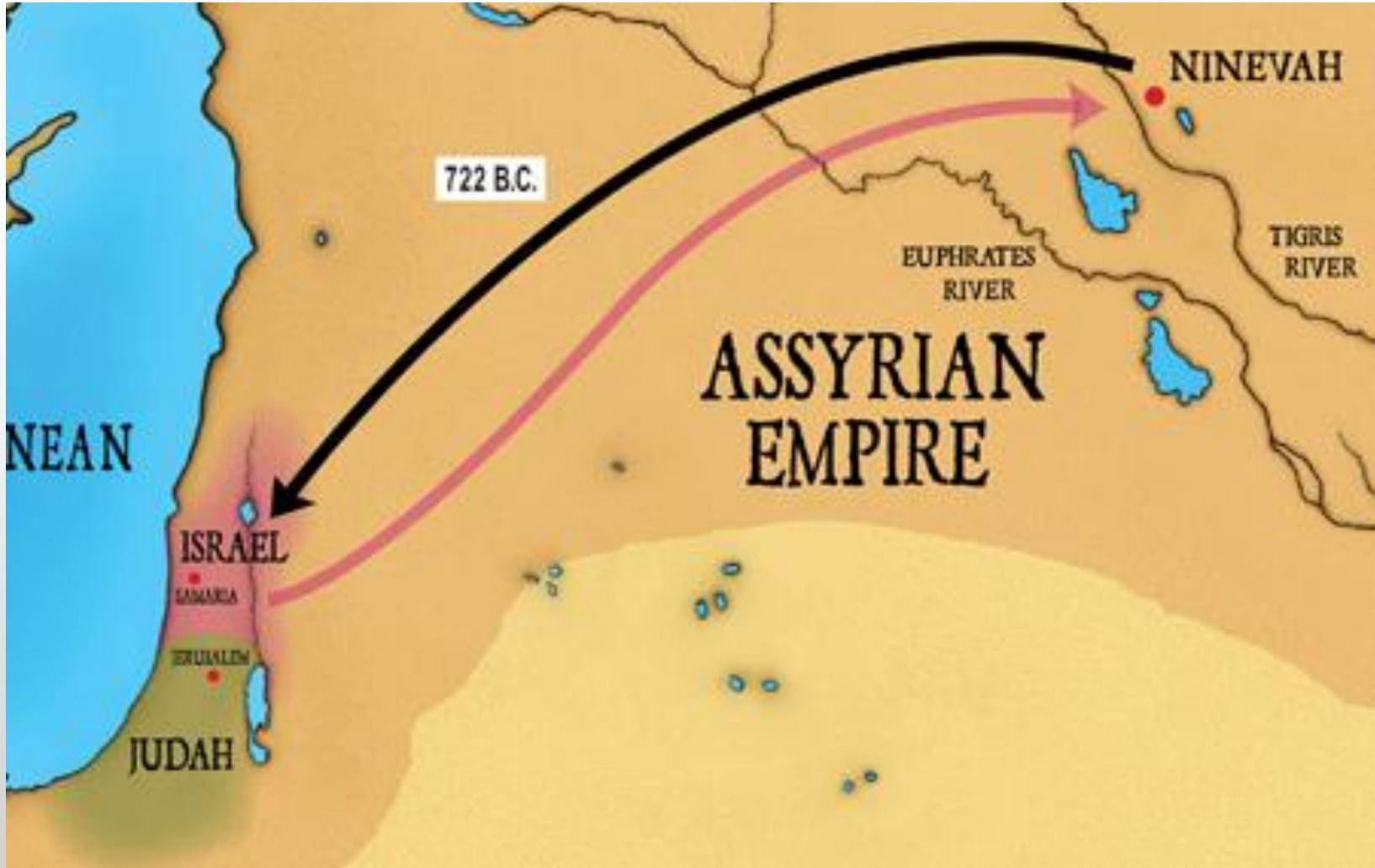
## 2 Chronicles 30:25-27

Then the whole assembly of Judah with the priests and Levites, the whole assembly that came from Israel, the foreigners who came from the land of Israel, and those who were living in Judah, rejoiced.

<sup>26</sup> There was great rejoicing in Jerusalem, for nothing like this was known since the days of Solomon son of David, the king of Israel. <sup>27</sup> Then the priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard their voice, and their prayer came into His holy dwelling place in heaven.



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### ***2 Chronicles 32:7-8***

“Be strong and courageous! Don’t be afraid or discouraged before the king of Assyria or before the large army that is with him, for there are more with us than with him. 8 He has only human strength,[a] but we have Yahweh our God to help us and to fight our battles.” So the people relied on the words of King Hezekiah of Judah.



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***2 Chronicles 32:13-15***

*'Don't you know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Have any of the national gods of the lands been able to deliver their land from my power? <sup>14</sup> Who among all the gods of these nations that my predecessors completely destroyed was able to deliver his people from my power, that your God should be able to do the same for you?*



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*So now, don't let Hezekiah deceive you, and don't let him mislead you like this. Don't believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to deliver his people from my power or the power of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my power!"*



## ***2 Kings 19:15-19***

*Then Hezekiah prayed before the Lord: Lord God of Israel who is enthroned above the cherubim, You are God — You alone — of all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the heavens and the earth. <sup>16</sup> Listen closely, Lord, and hear; open Your eyes, Lord, and see. Hear the words that Sennacherib has sent to mock the living God. <sup>17</sup> Lord, it is true that the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands.*



## ***2 Kings 19:15-19***

*18 They have thrown their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but made by human hands—wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. 19 Now, Lord our God, please save us from his hand so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the Lord God—You alone.*



## ***2 Kings 19:32-34***

*<sup>32</sup>Therefore, this is what the Lord says about the king of Assyria: He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow there or come before it with a shield or build up an assault ramp against it. <sup>33</sup> He will go back on the road that he came and he will not enter this city. This is the Lord's declaration. <sup>34</sup> I will defend this city and rescue it for My sake and for the sake of My servant David."*



**III. Hezekiah does not end as well as he began.**



# Conclusion

*Do you have faith in God all the time or just when you need His help?*

*When God does help you, do you become grateful or do you become proud?*