

II Chronicles 32-33 –22 January 2026

“When Pride Reigns”

Introduction

*Today we finish our look at the 12th king of Judah, Hezekiah & see the 13th king Manasseh & 14th Amon

*These 3 kings today will clearly focus on the subject of pride

*Are you living your life for the Lord or for self

*Are your resources generally going to yourself or for the Lord’s purposes

*Hezekiah’s spiritual devotion of chap 29-31 was just after Israel’s fall in the north to Assyria in 722 BC

*Now 20 years later we see Assyria return to threaten Judah ruled by Hezekiah

Today, we’ll see 3 times in life to be watching out for pride

Let's Look At Hezekiah's Enduring Faith (Chap 32:1-23)

Read Vs 32:1

1. It's only after Hezekiah's spiritual reform that this major trouble arises
 - a. Don't ever think that, if we just live a holy life, THEN we'll be immune from troubles
 - b. In God's grace, He often waits until we're spiritually strong enough to handle it before the trouble begins
2. All this to bring greater glory to Himself and give people a chance to see their need of Him

Read Vs 2-8

1. Notice the dual nature of preparing for trouble
 - a. W/ king's lead, the people have to prepare
 - b. Yet their trust's in God alone, not their prep
2. Also important to communicate our confidence in God to those around us

Read Vs 9-11

1. The account in Kings says, "Whom do you trust that you rebel against me"

2. That IS the question, “In whom are we trusting”?
3. There’s spiritual war, we will choose a side
 - a. We’ll all be seen as rebels at some point against someone – Choose to rebel against evil

Read Vs 12-19

1. The enemy will misrepresent our relationship with God and misunderstand the help He gives
2. They want to intimidate God’s people, but they’re doing it with lies
 - a. This is place of the true battle – truth vs lies
 - b. Take every thought into captivity – we win!
 - c. Allow deception, like Eve – we lose!

Read Vs 20

1. Hezekiah again turns to the Lord in faith and to His prophets that hold His revelation, great!
2. Don’t undervalue these as passive verses
 - a. It isn’t ‘what should we do while we wait’
 - b. This is active warfare!

Read Vs 21-23

1. Kings says 185,000 Assyrians are wiped out this night by an angel
2. Sennacherib tried explaining away the loss, but didn't work – His acct written on clay prism
 - a. When God moves, you don't need a big, long explanation, just that God did it!
 - b. Don't explain it scientifically, logically
 - i. Well, how did God speak & create things?
 - c. It's a miracle of supernatural proportions!
3. Hezekiah is exalted here – why – b/c of faith

1st time to be looking out for pride is at the end – Hezekiah's Prideful End (Chap 32:24-33)

Read Vs 32:24-26

1. Though the Lord had exalted Hez for his faith in God, it's a rare person that can handle exaltation
2. God extends Hez's life by 15 years, but he gets lazy & doesn't use time for godliness - that's pride

- a. Sometimes pride goes into sinfulness
- b. Sometimes pride simply gets lazy
- 3. The spiritual reaction of those with influence *will* affect the rest of the people

Read Vs 27-30

- 1. Not only wealth but wisdom
- 2. Water's diversion into Jerusalem still stands
 - a. Joy & I walked the tunnels in Jan 2024
 - b. Hez couldn't use the existing Jebusite tunnels b/c they left the water source outside
 - i. Allowed them to still be poisoned or used
 - c. Hez tunnel allowed only the city water

Read Vs 31

- 1. IAW Flavius Josephus, Babylon was trying to align w/ Judah against Assyria
 - a. Enemy of my enemy is my friend thinking
- 2. This is Hezekiah bragging about the material prosperity of "his" kingdom (this is vain)
 - a. This will bite Israel 80 years later

Read Vs 32-33

1. No one else's life is recorded extensively in *three* books of the Bible
2. We should listen – it's fundamental

**2nd time to be looking for pride is at the beginning
–Manasseh's Enduring Wickedness (Chap 33:1-11)**

Read Vs 33:1-2

1. How old was Manasseh when he began reigning?
 - a. How long was Hezekiah's life extended?
 - b. How different things could have been
2. We don't need more years on this earth
 - a. We need more years of godliness

Read Vs 3-9

1. These aren't subtle, we don't have to look thru the Law to find these each – it's self evident
2. Manasseh had every reason to know from the Law that God would judge against what he's doing
3. Not hidden in shame, but he *leads* Judah in sin

Read Vs 10-11

1. This could be the end of Judah ...unless there is true repentance

Let's Look At Manasseh's Repentant End (Chap 33:12-20)

Read Vs 33:12-13

1. This is true confession of sin (Read Hos 5:15)

Read Vs 14-17

1. This is true repentance from sin
2. Never too late to confess, repent & be blessed

Read Vs 18-20

1. The Bible calls out Manasseh by name as the single greatest reason Judah declined into the sin that would be judged by the Babylonian Captivity
 - a. Yet the man found salvation
 - b. It's never too late to repent, yet there may be earthly consequences

3rd time to be looking for pride is always – Amon's Simple Evil (Chap 33:21-25)

Read Vs 33:21

1. Amon had his son Josiah when he was 16 or 17
2. He grew up with a dad king acting evil, it's no wonder he reigned this way
 - a. He maybe went to prison w/ dad in Babylon
 - b. No doubt one of repentant Manasseh's big regrets is that he couldn't pull his kids out of the sin that he had created for them to walk in

Read Vs 22-23

1. Amon followed after his father's earlier days instead of his later godly life
2. Those of us that have lived personal evil must teach the next generation the harm of it all
3. "He didn't humble himself" indicates that he had chances to do just that

Read Vs 24-25

1. Should these men have killed Amon?
 - a. No, he's the Lord anointed king
 - b. Should have allowed God to handle him
2. Should these men have killed the assassins?
 - a. Yes, it's in the Mosaic Law
3. Josiah was 6 when his g-dad Manasseh died & 8 when his father was assassinated
 - a. As if God is giving them one last chance to start over - He is a God of second chances

Conclusion

So, there are many times pride can slip into our life...

1. **Could be at end of life like Hezekiah**
2. **Could be at beginning of life like Manasseh**
3. **Could be always like Amon**

If you find yourself in pride, turn away & repent

We need to follow Hezekiah's life until success and also Manasseh's life in repentance

Unlike Amon – Let's be sensitive to what God can do