

# II Chronicles 29-31 –15 January 2026

## “Even If You’re Late”

### Introduction

- \*Today we look at the 12<sup>th</sup> king of Judah, Hezekiah
  - \*He's the 1<sup>st</sup> king of Judah since Israel destruction
  - \*He takes the throne 3 years after Israel's demise
- \*Judah is looking to rebound from the ungodly years under Hezekiah's father King Ahaz
- \*Many in Judah could have felt & believed that it was too late to turn back to the Lord
  - \*Israel in the north is destroyed
  - \*The Assyrian Empire is rising in power
- \*Yet when a people are determined to turn their face to the Lord, everything can change

**Today, we'll see 3 wonderful scenarios that can happen, even if you're late in getting started**

# #1 – Even If You’re Late, Do The Cleansing Work (Chap 29)

Read Vs 29:1-4

1. Hezekiah is called by God ‘the best king that Judah ever had’ (Read II Kings 18:5)
2. Though he had military victories, he focused on restoring proper worship of the Lord

Read Vs 5-11

1. Since Temple worship has halted, this may be first time they’ve ever been tasked to serve God
2. This is a new day, and it begins with cleansing
  - a. Preparing priests hearts & then the temple
3. Now before Hezekiah could get into repairing the Temple, the idols have to be broken
  - a. Same for us, root up evil, then restore good
  - b. Read II Kings 18:4
4. Even something God used for good can become an idol
  - a. Don’t glorify the thing, but glorify the One who used the thing

5. Paul & Barnabas in Lystra in Act 14
  - a. They heal a lame man—get treated like gods
  - b. ‘Don’t do that, we’re men, turn to God’
  - c. Then the people go after stoning them

Read Vs 12-19

1. These 16 Levites take the charge but also go gather “their brothers” for the work ahead
2. *It took 16 days, but they removed all things that shouldn’t be there & set up the proper items*
3. Passover was 1<sup>st</sup> month 14<sup>th</sup> day – missed it

Read Vs 20-27

1. These Sin then Burnt Offerings were from Lev 8 for how to consecrate things afresh
2. Sin Offering was somber as they atoned for sin
3. Burnt Offering was w/ rejoicing music as they dedicated themselves afresh

Read Vs 28-30

1. Everything they’re doing is grounded in God’s Word – even the singing

2. This is what it means to establish your ways
3. May we have the heart of the Psalmist in (Read Psm 119:5) *Oh may my ways be established...*

Read Vs 31-36

1. After the Sin & Burnt offerings, the thank offerings were brought—these are above & beyond
2. So many they didn't have enough priests
  - a. What a great problem to have – resources outweighed the infrastructure
  - b. Hearts of the people outweighed the home

## **#2 – Even If You're Late, Bring Your Worship, Heart & Obedience (Chap 30:1-31:1)**

Read Vs 30:1-5

1. Passover was 1<sup>st</sup> month, but they weren't ready b/c they were cleansing the Temple & priests
  - a. It's never too late to do what's right
  - b. It's never too late to bring your obedience & worship

2. The Law provided to have Passover one month late if unclean or travelling (Read Num 9:9-10)
3. Notice the word spread to Israelites everywhere
  - a. It's 715 BC, Israel in the north was deposed

Read Vs 6-9

1. Invitation is given – First time in more than 200 years that the north has been directly invited
2. What grace to those from the north that had been out of the loop from Jerusalem!
3. There is a choice for each individual – take it!

Read Vs 10-12

1. Some came and some didn't
2. What would prompt some to laugh & mock?
  - a. What are they holding on to at this point?
  - b. They've had 200 years of bitterness toward Judah, instead of seeing this a chance to return

Read Vs 13-17

1. The family's themselves were supposed to slaughter the lambs, but with many ceremonially unclean, the Levites did it for them

2. Called Unleavened Bread, but it's Passover
  - a. Passover 14<sup>th</sup> day, U.B. 15<sup>th</sup>, 1stfruits 16<sup>th</sup>

Read Vs 18-20

1. Many things could make you ceremonially unclean; what you eat, what you touch or do
  - a. ***God looked on their heart & not the outer***
2. ***Turn to Matt 12:1-8 – Jesus is lord over Law***
  - a. ***Love & mercy are over the Law***
  - b. ***I desire mercy not sacrifice***

Read Vs 21-22

1. This wasn't just a time of repentance & worship but also of teaching – passing on truth
2. Many would have been hearing truth for 1<sup>st</sup> time

Read Vs 23-27

1. These extend willingly for the joy of it
2. This is a real opportunity to go home and start a fresh new life serving the Lord
  - a. Like a week-long conference or retreat

3. You've entered a new experience for 2 weeks
  - a. Now turn the corner & add these things to your entire life back home

Read Vs 1

1. Your home will affect your heart, or your heart will affect your home
2. When God changes your heart, takes it home with you – Rip up the evil from the roots

### **#3 – Even If You’re Late, There Can Still Be Abundant Blessing (Chap 31:2-21)**

Read Vs 31:2-3

1. King sets up the priests & supplies to endure
2. He wants this to move from a one-time event to a lifestyle

Read Vs 4-5

1. Yes the king commanded the people of Jerusalem to bring the Firstfruits & tithe, but the emphasis here is that the people **willingly** did it

- a. The king said this IAW Num 18
  - b. Levites were to be fed by the people so they could focus on the work of teaching & worship
2. God loves a cheerful giver

Read Vs 6-10

1. The people brought so much it took 4 months to sort it all
  - a. Levites went from not being provided for to having abundance
2. This proves the people of had a change heart and not just a great day
  - a. Read Matt 3:8-9 – show your changed heart with a changed lifestyle

Read Vs 11-19

1. These things were given to God and must be treated with respect and accountability
  - a. Vs 13 details the 10 & 2 leaders to bring in the resources
  - b. Vs 14 & 15 detail the 6 & 1 leader to give it

## Read Vs 20-21

1. What Hezekiah started, he finished
2. If you're only externally motivated, you won't do godliness for long
  - a. If it's truly in your heart, you'll do it

## Conclusion

So do you believe it's too late to turn to the Lord?

It's not. If you have breath, then today's the day.

1. **Even if you're late, do the cleansing work**
2. **Even if you're late, bring your worship, heart and obedience**
3. **Even if you're late, there can still be abundant blessing**