

## 2 CHRONICLES 32-36

### THE LAST KINGS

#### Chapter 32 Godly Hezekiah Reigns

**Summary:** Faced with an Assyrian invasion, Hezekiah prepares Jerusalem and the people (1-8). The enemy threatens (9-19), but is defeated (20-23). Hezekiah is healed of sickness and pride (24-33).

**Lesson:** *How do we respond to God's blessings, with pride or gratitude?*

#### Chapter 33 Evil Manasseh Reigns

**Summary:** Hezekiah's son Manasseh restores idolatry (1-9). He turns to God and is restored (10-13). He builds defenses, destroys idols, and serves God (14-20). His evil son Amon succeeds him and is murdered (21-25).

**Lesson:** *Like Manasseh we can forsake evil, be forgiven, and serve God.*

#### Chapter 34-35 Godly Josiah Reigns

**Summary:** Amon's godly son Josiah removes idolatry (34:1-7) and repairs the temple (34:8-13). He discovers God's word (34:14-18), mourns Judah's sins, and seeks God's will (34:19-28). He restores true worship (34:29-33), keeps the Passover (35:1-19), and dies in battle (35:20-27).

**Lesson:** *Any godly person, king or not, can impact others for God.*

#### Chapter 36 The Evil Final Four Kings Reign

**Summary:** Josiah is succeeded by his sons Jehoahaz (1-4) and Jehoiakim (5-8), then Jehoiakim's son Jehoiachin (9-10), then Josiah's 3<sup>rd</sup> son, Zedekiah (11-14). Jerusalem falls [7/9/586 B.C.], and the remaining people and temple furnishings are deported to Babylon (15-21). The land will rest {Lev. 25:1-4; 26:33-35} for 70 years {Jer. 25:9-12}. In 538 B.C. Persia's king Cyrus will proclaim Judah's return to rebuild God's temple.

**Lesson:** *God can use a pagan king like Cyrus to do His will (Prov. 21:1).*