

How to Turn A Nation Around **II Kings 18:1-12**

Apostate Israel has fallen to Assyria so what will keep Judah from the same fate, especially since Judah has become just as evil under Ahaz's reign? Fortunately a new king radically reforms Judah --a man named Hezekiah, who is a throwback to King David (18:3,5-7, II Chron. 31:20,21).

Hezekiah's spiritual accomplishments (1-6)

- ◆ Removed high places (first king to do so, 12:3, 14:4, 15:4,35)
 - ◆ Removed idols (Ahaz had been an idol-addict, II Chron. 28:3,4, 22-24)
 - ◆ Removed brazen serpent (a good thing back in Num. 21:4-9)
 - ◆ Reopened the temple doors for worship (II Chron. 28:24/29:3)
 - ◆ Restored temple—fixed up, cleansed , consecrated (II Chron. 29:5-19)
 - ◆ Resumed sacrifices once again (II Chron. 29:20-36)
 - ◆ Restarted Passover holiday and invites all Israel (II Chron. 30:1-27)
- Hmmm, anything suggestive here for turning America around?

Hezekiah's military accomplishments

- ◆ Retook territory lost to the Philistines (David's old enemy)
- ◆ Rebelled successfully against evil Assyria (unlike surrounding nations)

