

## God or Tyrants: A Study of 1 & 2 Kings

### Lesson 10: From +30,000 to -36,000

#### Assignment for next week:

- Read 2 Kings 18:1 – 21:26
- One Kingdom falls, never to return. Another kingdom's fall is predicted, but they will return.
  - What accounts for the downfall of both kingdoms (Israel and Judah) and why is one treated differently than the other?
  - Can we read these chapters and *not* consider what their import is for us in 2025? What lessons can we glean for ourselves from the accounts of these chapters?
- Ponder the following questions (*taken from the Whole Bible Project, copyright NPH*):
  - **Monday:** [2 Kings 18] What strategies do God's enemies employ today to try to dismantle the truths of Christianity?
  - **Tuesday:** [2 Kings 19] When might you need to bring humble prayers to God for protection or rescue as Hezekiah did?
  - **Wednesday:** [2 Kings 20] Hezekiah was told that the Lord had said he would die. His prayer got the Lord to change his mind and say he would not die. What comfort is there in this for us?
  - **Thursday:** [2 Kings 20] What do we learn from Hezekiah's illness?
  - **Friday:** [2 Kings 21] Manasseh's father, Hezekiah, was a faithful king. Why do some children of faithful parents rebel and fall into unbelief?
  - **Saturday:** [2 Kings 21] Manasseh reigned for 55 years, the longest of any king of Judah. What do we learn about Manasseh in 2 Chronicles 33:12,13? What comfort is there in this? What tragedy is present in such last-minute conversions?