

TITLE: WHAT ARE YOU KNOWN FOR?

TEXT: JOHN 13:31-35; 2 CHRON.26-36; PS.25:1; MATT.28:18-20; ACTS 1:8

JOHN 13:34-35

SO NOW I AM GIVING YOU A NEW COMMANDMENT: LOVE EACH OTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, YOU SHOULD LOVE EACH OTHER. YOUR LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER WILL PROVE TO THE WORLD THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES.

2 CHRON. 26-28

READ OVERVIEW

Uzziah's 52 year reign can be summarized in a dozen words: "As long as the king sought guidance from the Lord, God gave him success" (26:5). His administration sparkles with military, architectural, and agricultural achievements. But the luster is dimmed in his final years when he intrudes into the priests' functions and is stricken with leprosy. His son Jotham picks up where his father left off by becoming "powerful because he was careful to live in obedience to the Lord his God" (27:6). But after nearly seven decades of godly national leadership, Ahaz emerges to undo much of what his father and grandfather had accomplished. Forbidden alliances, infant sacrifices, and rank idolatry bring the nation of Judah to its knees "because of King Ahaz...for he had encouraged his people to sin and had been utterly unfaithful to the Lord" (28:19).

- UZZIAH – KNOWN FOR MILITARY, ARCHITECTURAL, AND AGRICULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS
- AHAZ – KNOWN FOR FORBIDDEN ALLIANCES, INFANT SACRIFICES, AND IDOLATRY

2 CHRON. 29-32

HEZEKIAH – THE REFORMER

2 CHRON. 33 - 34 - 36

CH.33

[VS1-9] MANASSEH – HE DID EVIL; HE LED THE PEOPLE TO DO EVEN MORE EVIL
[VS10] THE LORD SPOKE; BUT THEY IGNORED ALL HIS WARNINGS
[VS11] ASSYRIAN ARMIES TOOK MANASSEH PRISONER
[VS12-13] MANASSEH REPENTED OF HIS WAYS AND THE LORD RESTORES HIM

CH.34

JOSIAH – HE PLEASED THE LORD AND FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE OF DAVID
[VS1-11] ...THEY RESTORED WHAT EARLIER KINGS ALLOWED TO FALL INTO RUIN

CH.35

[VS18] JOSIAH WAS KNOWN FOR KEEPING THE PASSOVER CELEBRATION

CH.36

ULTIMATELY, JUDGMENT OCCURS UPON JERUSALEM AND THEY ARE TAKEN TO BABYLON FOR 70YRS. WHEN KING OF PERSIA IS STIRRED BY THE LORD WHO THEN ISSUES A PROCLAMATION.

(CH.36:23)

“This is what King Cyrus of Persia says: “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has appointed me to build him a Temple at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Any of you who are the Lord’s people may go there for this task. And may the Lord your God be with you!”

PSALM 25: 1, A psalm of David

- Lord, I give my life to you.

MATTHEW 28:18-20

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

ACTS 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”