

Kings Series

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Hezekiah's Response to International Intimidation 2 Kings 19:1–



**Logical
Sequence**

Application

**Political/national or
individual actions**

Ethics: right or wrong

**Epistemology: knowing
right or wrong—the Bible**

**Metaphysics: ultimate
reality, i.e., God**

Pressures of Life

Hezekiah Parallels with Today

- 1. Hezekiah faced an enemy which sought to destroy their nation.**
- 2. The enemy used a religious framework to attempt to intimidate the Jews.**
- 3. Judah as a nation was not the aggressor and was not responsible for the attack and was not seeking to expand their dominion or empire.**
- 4. Assyria, on the basis of their pagan worldview and desire for world domination, did seek to dominate the gods of the other nations and to impose their culture on others.**

Hezekiah Parallels with Today

- 1. We face an enemy which seeks to destroy our nation.**
- 2. The enemy uses a religious rationale to intimidate the West.**
- 3. The USA and the West are not the aggressor.**
- 4. Islam, a pagan worldview, religion and legal system known as sharia law, seeks to dominate the West.**

Jer. 17:5, “Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD.

Jer. 17:6, “ ‘For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.’ ”

Jer. 17:7, “ ‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD.

Jer. 17:8, “ ‘For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.’ ”

Spiritual truth: God is our Refuge, our Strength

Material truth: We need water; our enemy doesn't

Spiritual truth: God Supplies our every need

Material truth: We budget and balance the checkbook

Spiritual truth: God Controls History

Material truth: We are to be involved in politics

2 Chronicles 31:20, “Thus Hezekiah did throughout all Judah; and he did what was good, right and true before the Lord his God.

2 Chronicles 31:21, “Every work which he began in the service of the house of God in law and in commandment, seeking his God, he did with all his heart and prospered.”

2 Kings 18:5, “He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him.”