

Sunday School Lesson

September 14, 2025

Hezekiah's Passover

2 Chronicles 30:1-9, 26-27

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Question for Us Today

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How do you celebrate the goodness and the blessings of the Lord?

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From this passage, to understand the importance of King Hezekiah leading the Children of Israel to and through this Passover celebration.

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Chronicles,
Hezekiah

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Chronicles

1 and 2 Chronicles were written after the 70-year period of exile to encourage the Children of Israel. There are parallels to the histories told in both the Books of Samuel and Kings; yet there are significant differences.

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The focal points of the Chronicles are Kings David and Solomon, the Davidic royal line and the southern kingdom of Judah.

Points of Information – Chronicles

Originally, 1 and 2 Chronicles were one Book.

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Although some scholars believe that Ezra was the author of The Books of Chronicles, most prefer to cite an anonymous author whom they call “The Chronicler.”

Points of Information – Hezekiah

Hezekiah (whose name means “Jehovah is strength”) was a noble King of the Southern Kingdom of Judah who succeeded his father, King Ahaz. Hezekiah’s son Manasseh succeeded him.

The Prophet Isaiah was a key advisor to King Hezekiah.

Points of Information – Hezekiah

Hezekiah was a praying man. When Isaiah told him he was going to die, this king prayed to the Lord.

As a result, God gave him fifteen more years to live. Isaiah 38:1-5.

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The early Chapters of 2 Chronicles provide details on the life and reign of King Solomon, the successor to his father, King David.

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King Solomon died and was succeeded by his son, Rehoboam.

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Under King Rehoboam's tyrannical rule, people rebelled and the Kingdom was split in two with Israel in the north (10 tribes) and Judah in the south (2 tribes).

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The Book of 2 Chronicles tells of the reigns and consequence of the Kings of Judah, most of whom were evil. Ultimately, good King Hezekiah sat on the throne.

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King Hezekiah was determined to restore faithful worship to the Kingdom. Today's lesson is a key example of this.

2 Chronicles 30:1 (NIV)

Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel.

2 Chronicles 30:2

The king and his officials and the whole assembly in Jerusalem decided to celebrate the Passover in the second month.

2 Chronicles 30:3

They had not been able to celebrate it at the regular time because not enough priests had consecrated themselves and the people had not assembled in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:4

The plan seemed right both to the king and to the whole assembly.

2 Chronicles 30:5

They decided to send a proclamation throughout Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, calling the people to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel. It had not been celebrated in large numbers according to what was written.

2 Chronicles 30:6

At the king's command, couriers went throughout Israel and Judah with letters from the king and his officials, which read:

“People of Israel, return to the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, that He may return to you who are left, who have escaped from the hand of the kings of Assyria.

2 Chronicles 30:7

Do not be like your parents and fellow Israelites, who were unfaithful to the LORD, the God of their ancestors, so that He made them an object of horror, as you see.

2 Chronicles 30:8

Do not be stiff-necked, as your ancestors were; submit to the LORD. Come to His sanctuary, which He has consecrated forever. Serve the LORD your God, so that His fierce anger will turn away from you.

2 Chronicles 30:9

If you return to the LORD, then your fellow Israelites and your children will be shown compassion by their captors and will return to this land, for the LORD your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn His face from you if you return to Him.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 – A REMINDER

If my people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 30:26

There was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the days of Solomon son of David king of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:27

The priests and the Levites stood to bless the people, and God heard them, for their prayer reached Heaven, His holy dwelling place.

Remember this:

Let us always celebrate the
goodness and the blessings of the
Lord!

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