

## FAITH: WHEN EVIL HAS OVERRUN YOUR COUNTRY

### I. INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

#### A. Israel's Capital is CAPTURED

1. Assyrian King Shalmaneser V besieged Samaria the capital of \_\_\_\_\_ for three long years. (2 Kings 17:1-6)
2. At the close of the three years, Shalmaneser passed away, and his successor Sargon II continued on, and finalized the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel (i.e., the 10 Northern Tribes).

#### B. GROUNDS for Deportation

1. The Lord had \_\_\_\_\_ and certainly \_\_\_\_\_ sent prophets unto Israel in every generation, but they \_\_\_\_\_ to listen to them. (2 Kings 17:7-17)
2. Being faithful to His Word, the Lord poured out His divine \_\_\_\_\_ in the form of the Assyrian army, and Israel was \_\_\_\_\_ from the Promised Land. (2 Kings 17:18-20)

### II. The CHARACTER of the King

- A. Hezekiah trusted in the Lord God of Israel, "*so that \_\_\_\_\_ him there was none like him among \_\_\_\_\_ the kings of Judah, nor who were \_\_\_\_\_ him.*" (2 Kings 18:5-6)
- B. After the willful, \_\_\_\_\_ habits of his father, Hezekiah's aggressiveness and \_\_\_\_\_ toward Mosaic reform was unparalleled.

### III. Mosaic REFORMATION

#### A. The CLEANSING and RECONSTRUCTION of the Temple

1. Hezekiah wasn't interested in a mere housecleaning project, because he had it in his heart not only to rededicate the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_, but also to enter into a \_\_\_\_\_ with the Lord.
2. True \_\_\_\_\_ was to be the first thing on the agenda, and it was the \_\_\_\_\_ desire of Hezekiah's heart.

#### B. CEREMONIAL and WORSHIP Aspects of the Law Reenacted

1. "Hezekiah \_\_\_\_\_ of the spiritual bankruptcy that he had observed in 715 BC when he began to rule independently of his father."
2. The king sought a *humble* gathering together of both north and south on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and nothing else.
3. The observance of this first Passover was so \_\_\_\_\_, that there was \_\_\_\_\_ like it since the days of King Solomon when the kingdom was still \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What really prepares you for the trials in your life?

\* As Christians what can we learn from this regarding our own country?