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The reign of Hezekiah 2 Kings 18:1-20:21; 2 Chronicles 29:1-32:33; Isaiah 36:1-39:8

Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

- Observance of the Passover was reestablished 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1
- Observed in the second month since they could not get the other work done in time for the regular observance on the fourteenth day of the first month. Leviticus 23:5; Numbers 9:9-11
- The Passover was followed immediately by the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

Observance of the Passover was reestablished 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1

- Hezekiah had the invitation to the Passover issued in both the Southern and Northern Kingdoms.
- Those in the Northern Kingdom were invited to forsake their rejection of the worship at Jerusalem and return to Yahweh the God of Israel.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

Observance of the Passover was reestablished 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1

- The couriers delivering the message and invitation were largely mocked and scorned but some listened and came to Jerusalem for the observance of the Passover.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

- Observance of the Passover was reestablished 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1
- The people who came to the feast cleansed Jerusalem of the items of idolatrous worship as the priest and Levites had cleansed the temple.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

- Observance of the Passover was reestablished 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1
- Some of the people who came from the Northern Kingdom were not ceremonially clean.
  - The Levites sacrificed the Passover lamb for them.
  - Hezekiah interceded for them that God would pardon them, and God heard his prayer.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

- ❖ Observance of the Passover was reestablished 2 Chronicles 30:1-31:1
- ❖ The joy of the observance was so great they extended the Feast of Unleavened Bread for another week.
- ❖ After the two weeks the people went throughout Judea and parts of Israel cleansing the land of the items of idol worship.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

- ❖ Organized the priests and Levites for ongoing ministry 2 Chronicles 31:2-19
- ❖ Duties: Administer the sacrifices and offerings, security and upkeep, worship
- ❖ Hezekiah made personal contributions to provide for sacrifices.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

- Organized the priests and Levites for ongoing ministry 2 Chronicles 31:2-19
- Commanded the people to give the portions to the priests and Levites prescribed by law Numbers 18:8-32
  - The people responded with abundance.
  - Hezekiah organized the priest and Levites to safeguard and administer the offerings.

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

Other major activities. 2 Kings 18:3-8; 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

- ✓Removed the places of idolatrous sacrifice
- ✓Destroyed the images of idol worship
- ✓Destroyed the bronze serpent made by Moses because the people were treating it as an idolatrous image

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Turned the nation back to Yahweh the God of Israel

Other major activities. 2 Kings 18:3-8; 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

- ✓Trusted in Yahweh the God of Israel
- ✓Faithful in exclusive devotion to Yahweh
- ✓Kept the commandments
- ✓God rewarded with victory and prosperity

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Lessons

- Obedience to God as He has spoken in His Word is the point of unity for God’s people. (Reestablished Passover)
- Never give in to those who mock and scorn the things of God. 2 Chronicles 30:10-11
- Be sensitive to how we can remove barriers that keep people from worshipping God. 2 Chronicles 30:15-22
- Walking in faithful obedience to God brings joyful fulfillment. 2 Chronicles 30:23-27

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Lessons

- Cleansing from idolatrous worship must extend as far as necessary. 2 Chronicles 30:13-14; 31:1
- Lead by example. 2 Chronicles 31:3-10
- Use your position of influence for the glory of God. 2 Kings 18:3-8; 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

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