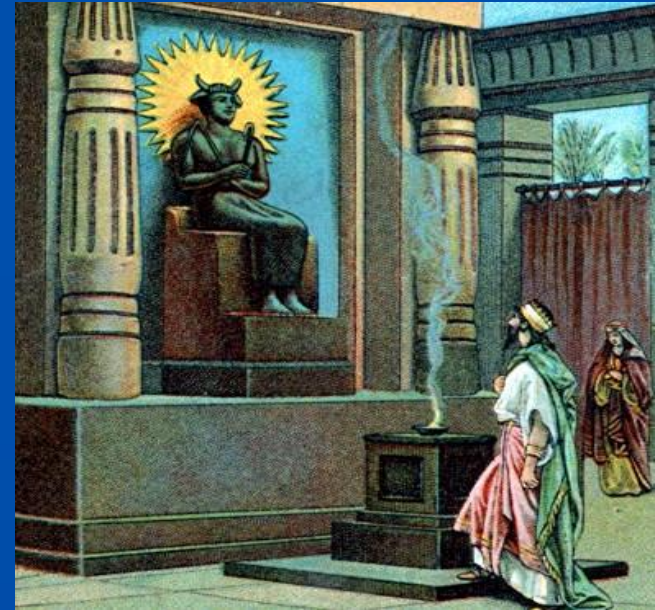


# CONTRAST OF FATHER AND SON

- 2Kings 18:5 – 7 “...he put his trust in Adonai.....so Adonai was with him...”
- King **Achaz** caused Judah to look much like the northern kingdom
- His son, Hezekiah, was a reformer and a transformer
- **Hizkiyahu** reformed Judah’s religion
- He also transformed the military, government, and society into one that was prepared for the geopolitical realities of that time






# HEZEKIAH REBELS

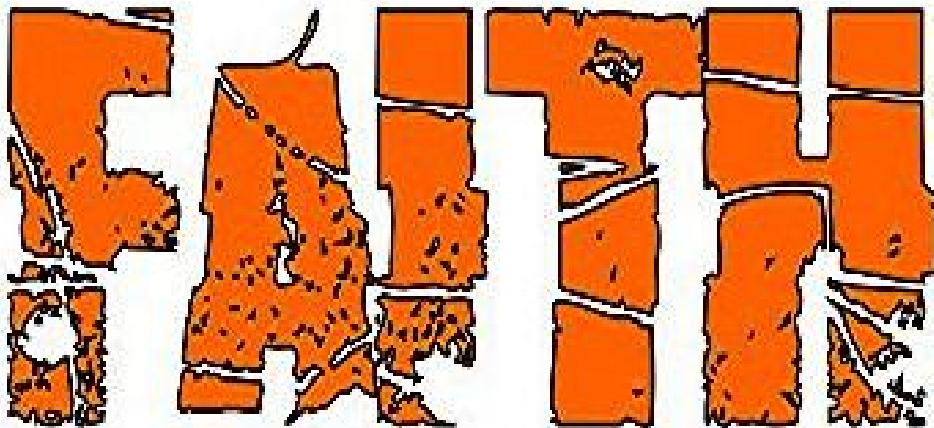


- The time is 700 B.C
- 2Kings 18:5 – 16
- Hezekiah refused to pay tribute to Assyria
- His father had agreed to become a vassal to Assyria and pay
- Hezekiah took control of Philistia from the Assyrians
- Via Maris passed through Philistia
- Assyria wanted to conquer Egypt



WHEN GOD  
SPEAKS,  
DO YOU  
LISTEN?

- Hezekiah was an eye witness to the destruction and exile of Israel
- 2Kings 18:12 Israel did not SHEMA the voice of God
- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength” Deut.6:4,5
- Reading books about the End Times, heaven, the soul, etc. is NOT the same as reading God’s Word
- NOT doing God’s Word leads to NOT listening to God’s Word



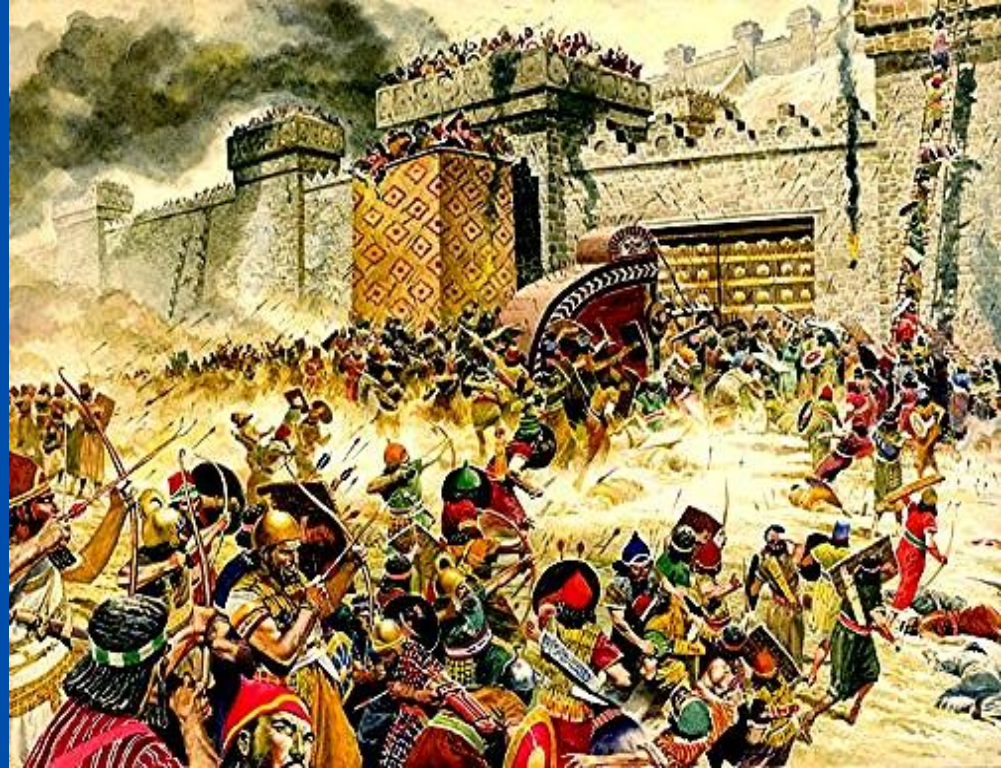
FAITH

**without works is dead**



# ASSYRIA ATTACKS JUDAH

- Abarbanel “...10 tribes sinned beyond reprieve, so God turned them over to Assyria....”
- *Hizkiyahu* had reigned for 14 years
- Lachish surrounded, only a couple of days march from Jerusalem
- Sennacherib demanded 20,000 lbs. of silver and 2,000 lbs. of gold to quit the siege
- Hezekiah agreed





# HEZEKIAH ADMITS HIS “SIN”

- Sennacherib with his troops at Lachish
- After accepting the gold and silver, King of Assyria sends more demands
- “Sinning” against Sennacherib just a common way of speaking
- Hezekiah had not made a vassal treaty with Assyria (his father had)
- Hezekiah did no wrong against Assyria or YHWH





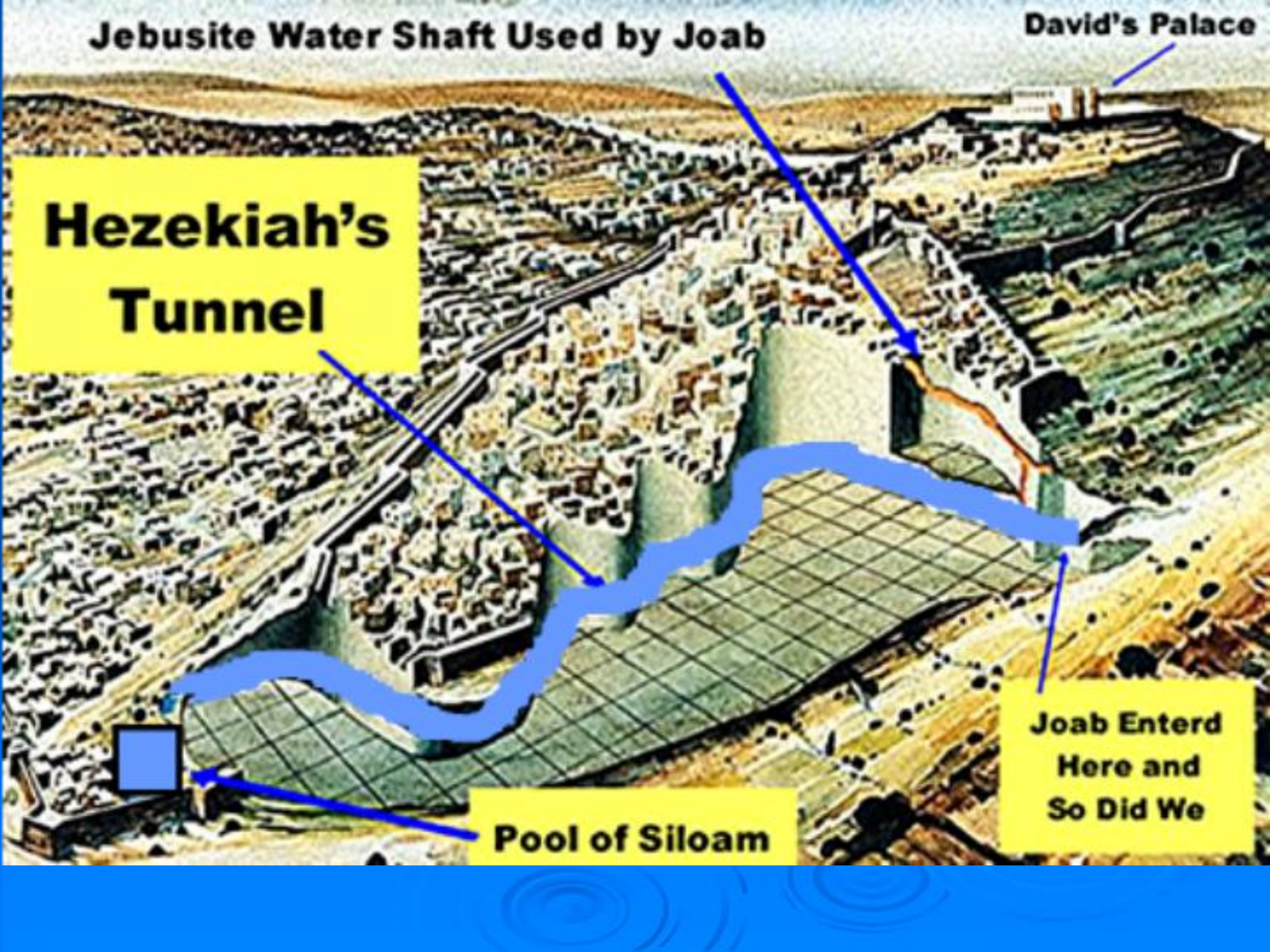
**Jebusite Water Shaft Used by Joab**

**David's Palace**

**Hezekiah's  
Tunnel**

**Joab Entered  
Here and  
So Did We**

**Pool of Siloam**





# AN ENGINEERING MARVEL !!

Date of Construction	701 B.C.
Length	1750 Feet (1/3 Mile)
Direct Distance	About 1000 Feet
Entrance	Gihon Spring, Kidron Valley
Exit	Pool of Siloam, Central Valley
Elevation Drop	2 Feet
Lighting	None: Carry Flashlight or Candle
Height	5 1/2 - 6 1/2 Feet along most of the length
Minimum Height	4 Feet, 9 Inches
Water Depth	3 - 3 1/2 Feet on June 26, 1995

- Tunnel was dug from both ends, underground, through rock, and met in the middle!
- Inscription from that era in the tunnel explains it
- Water now completely inside the city walls, so Assyria had no access to it
- Israel now had a secure water supply



INSCRIPTION FOUND IN TUNNEL

# THE ASSYRIAN DELEGATION

- 2Chron.32 makes it clear that Hezekiah was NOT timid or afraid
- He used the gold and silver to buy more time
- Tartan = viceroy
- Rav-Saris = chief of the Eunuchs
- Rav-Shekeh = chief steward
- Isaiah 36:1 - 10





# WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

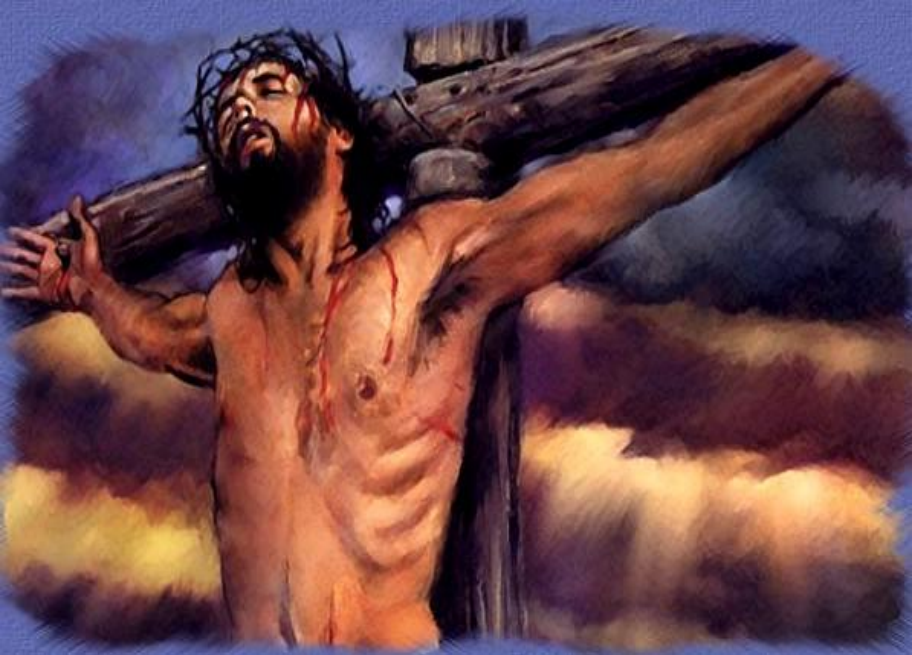


SIN

*God will forgive you for any one you commit; Rarely will he relieve you from the consequences . . .*

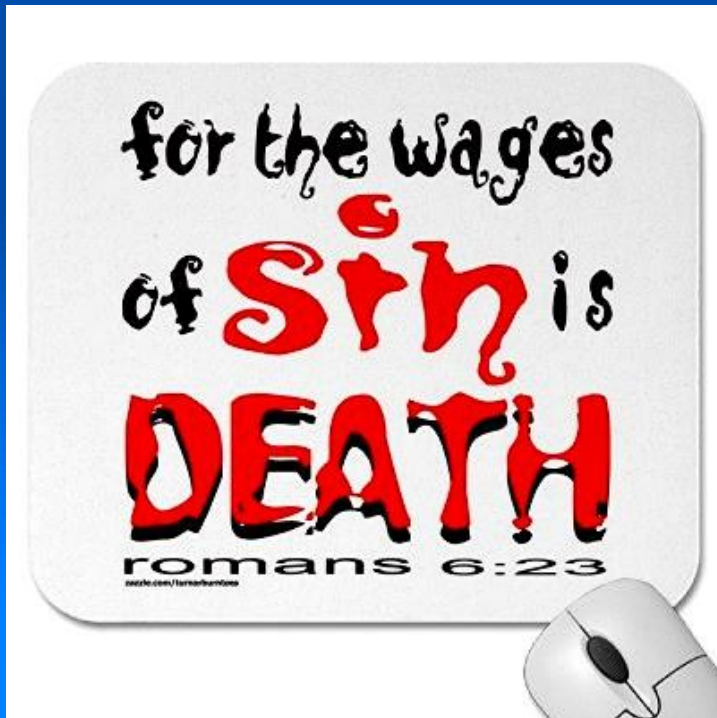
- Faith is easy to maintain until one is severely tested
- The situation for Judah seemed hopeless
- Why did God allow such a righteous king as Hezekiah to be attacked and humiliated?
- God-principle: Our redeemed lives are eligible for mercy, but our past sins will cause us trouble





# CHRIST DIDN'T DIE FOR OUR FLESH

- Messiah's pardon had to do with the CURSE of the Law, the Wages of Sin, which is eternal death
- Our behavior and its consequences on earth will have its own price
- Judah's representatives were *Elyakim*, *Shevnah*, and *Yo'ach*





# WHAT WAS THE SOURCE OF HEZEKIAH'S CONFIDENCE?

- Brilliant words or battle strategy?
- Counting on Egypt for help?
- Trusting in Israel's God?
- Rav-Shekeh thought that Hezekiah tearing down the high places was an insult to YHWH





# RAV-SHEKEH CROSSES THE LINE



- Rav-Shekeh offers Hezekiah a deal
- If Hezekiah will put up something as a guarantee, then the siege will be called off
- **Arob** = surety, guarantee NOT a gambling bet
- But now Rav-Shekeh blasphemes and says the he is Yehoveh's agent to attack Judah
- Hezekiah's men ask if they can speak in Aramaic, but Rav-Shekeh intends on the common folks hearing what is said