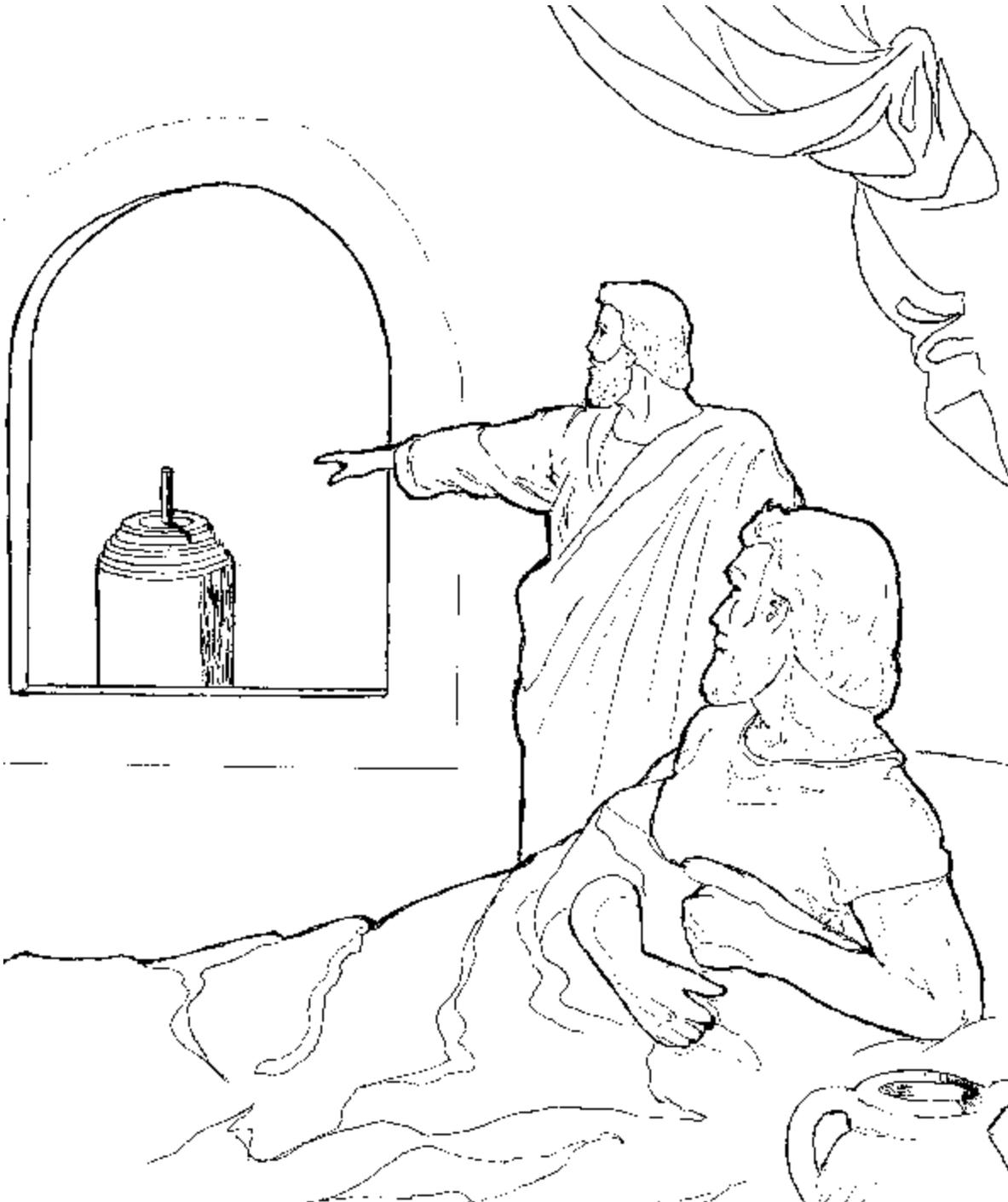


Overthrow of Israel & King Hezekiah

2 Kings 17-20; 2 Chronicles 29-32



The LORD made the sundial shadow move backwards and added 15 years to King Hezekiah's life in answer to his prayer.



The Story

King Hoshea of Israel did not love God. He and his people worshiped idols. Because of this sin, the LORD sent Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, to come and take away Hoshea and all the people in Israel. Shalmaneser took them into the land of Assyria. From there, they never returned to Israel.

Only one tribe of Israel, the tribe of Judah, remained from all the 12 tribes of Israel. King Hezekiah was the leader of Judah. He loved the LORD. The Lord was with him. Hezekiah destroyed the idols that were in his country.

When Hezekiah's enemies, the Assyrians, tried to capture Judah, King Hezekiah prayed to the LORD. The LORD spoke to Isaiah, the prophet, "Tell King Hezekiah that I heard his prayer. The Assyrians and their new king, Sennacherib, will not defeat your people. You will be safe."

When Sennacherib and his Assyrian army came to fight Judah, the LORD sent an angel into their camp and killed 185,000 of the

Assyrian soldiers.

Some years later, Hezekiah was sick and near death. Isaiah, the prophet, went to Hezekiah and said, "The LORD says, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'"

Then Hezekiah prayed to the LORD and cried in sadness.

Isaiah again came to King Hezekiah and said, "The LORD said, 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; I will heal you.'"

Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What is the sign that the LORD will heal me?"

Isaiah said, "Do you want the LORD to make the shadow on the sundial move forward or backward?"

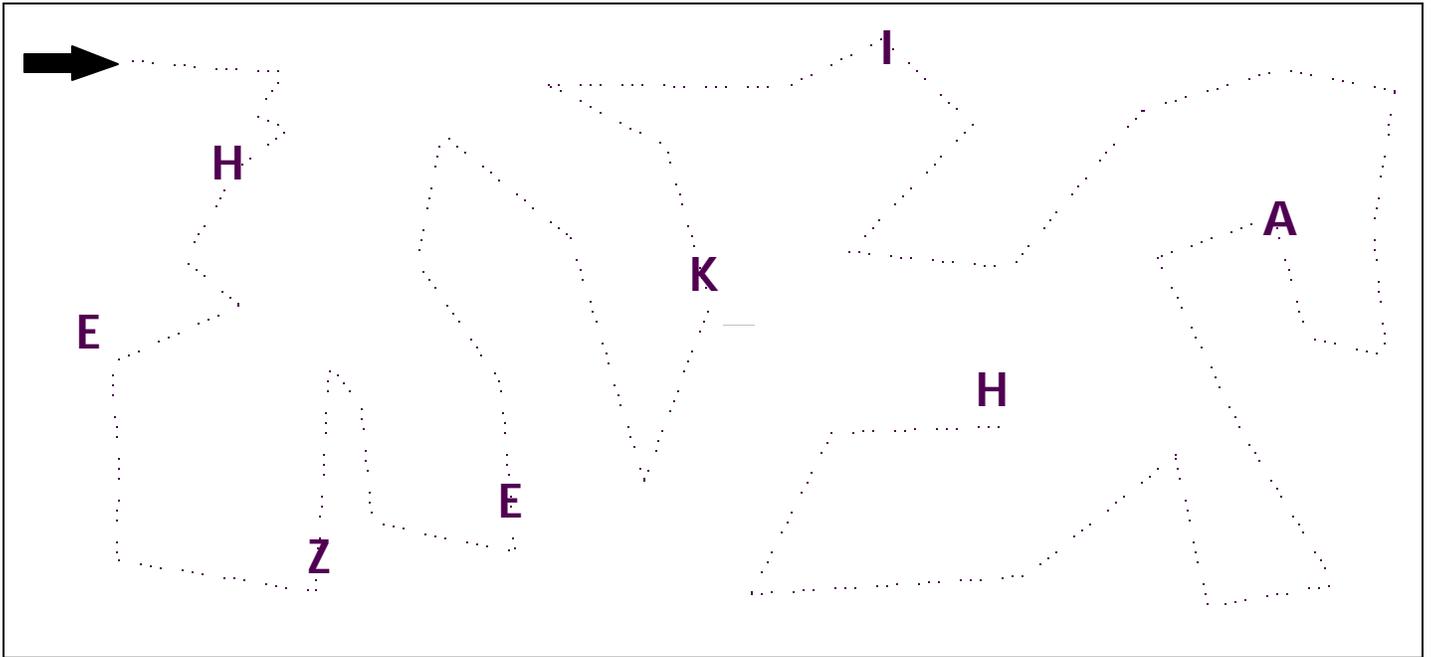
King Hezekiah said, "Have the LORD move it backward."

So it happened that the LORD made the sun move backwards and made the day ten hours longer! The LORD added 15 more years to King Hezekiah's life.

After Hezekiah died, his son, Manasseh, became the new king of Judah.

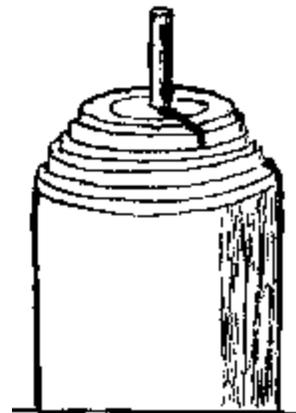
The LORD has promised to answer the prayers of all people who believe in Him.

Activity One - Start at the arrow and follow the path writing the letters on the blanks as you go. What is the name of the king who prayed to the LORD? Write the name below.



King _____ prayed to the LORD.

Activity Two - Show how the LORD made the day longer by drawing the sun shining on the sundial.



Passages - Write the letters L-O-R-D in the boxes of the first passage.

Psalms 37:5 - Commit your way to the

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trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Hymn - TLH #326 v. 1, 4

Lord, to Thee I make confession;
I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by Thee to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at Thy terrors.

Then on Him I cast my burden,
Sink it in the depths below.
Let me know Thy gracious pardon,
Wash me, make me white as snow.
Let Thy Spirit leave me never;
Make me only Thine forever.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
You have told us to pray to
You and You will hear our prayer.
Please help us to love and serve You
all our lives. Thank You for sending
the Holy Spirit into our hearts to
make us love and trust in Jesus as
our Savior. Amen.

Trace your hand. Keep your fingers together to look like a praying hand.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - Pray without
ceasing.