



Hezekiah became the king of Judah when he was twenty-five years old. He trusted in the LORD God and wanted to please him. He did what was right like his ancestor David, and not like his father, wicked Ahaz.

The temple had been neglected and the worship of God abandoned in the land. Hezekiah wanted to change all that. The first task was to open the temple doors and to have them repaired.

Hezekiah summoned the priests to meet him near the temple. 'Listen to me,' he said. 'Clean up all the debris and dirt from this holy place. Our fathers have committed a great sin in neglecting the worship of God. God is angry with us and our land has suffered. But now I want to make a covenant with God so that his anger will be turned away from us.'

The priests agreed and set to work.

