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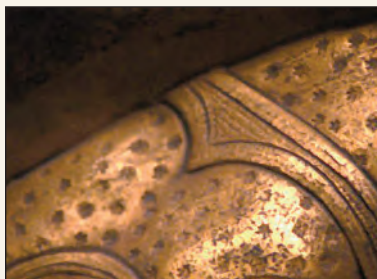
Why do bad things happen to good people?" That question has clouded the minds of the masses in the Christian world for millennia. But an equally relevant query may be, "Why do good people make bad choices?" The most often used explanation these days seems to be, "Well, we all make mistakes." Indeed we do. However, though that may be the case, we cannot escape the consequences that inevitably follow. In this issue, our authors present clear examples of choices, consequences, and correctives in the lives of some of Israel's best and brightest kings. Perhaps we can learn from their mistakes and, in the process, avoid making more of our own. On our cover, a woman washes clothes in the Pool of Siloam, a water reservoir constructed in Jerusalem under King Hezekiah (Ted Spiegel/Corbis).

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