

The Life and Times of Isaiah:
King Hezekiah and the Babylonians,
King Hezekiah Part 2

I. The Assyrian Crisis and the Personal Health Crisis: Pressed to Dependence on God

- * Assyrian Crisis
- * Personal Health Crisis

Isaiah 37:21-22 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word that the Lord has spoken against him...'"

Isaiah 38:1 In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

Isaiah 38:2-3 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, and said, "Remember now, O Lord, I beseech You, how I have walked before You in truth and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

Isaiah 38:4-6 Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, saying, "Go and say to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of your father David, 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city.'"

II. The Babylonian Crisis: From Dependence to Pride

- * Hezekiah's recovery leads him to a place of pride
- * Hezekiah's pride leads him to brag about his life
- * God's holiness and honor leads Him to bring all of the places of pride to an end

Isaiah 39:1-2 At that time the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. Hezekiah was pleased, and showed them all his treasure house...There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

Isaiah 39:3-4 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon." He said, "What have they seen in your house?" So Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them."

Isaiah 39:5-6 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord of hosts, 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,' says the Lord.

Isaiah 39:7-8 'And some of your sons who will issue from you, whom you will beget, will be taken away, and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.'" Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good." For he thought, "For there will be peace and truth in my days."