

# Isaiah 39

## *Hezekiah's Fault*

### 1. Chapter 39 Summary

- a. The final chapter in the section on judgment (with small highlights of salvation)
- b. The final historical chapter about Hezekiah: we learn of his only recorded fault.
- c. A twist in Hezekiah's life of doing right and trusting God – 2 Kings 18:5
- d. Hezekiah, the faithful king, brings judgment to Judah.

### 2. 39:1 – Ambassadors from Babylon

- a. Why did they come? They saw the sign, they saw the wonder - 2 Chron 32:31
- b. Review of the sign: The sun returns ten degrees - Isa 38:7-8, 2 Kings 20:8-11
- c. Babylon (Chaldea) the birthplace of astronomy – Isa 47:13, Dan 1:20, 5:11,15, Matt 2:1
- d. If God can stretch out the heavens, he can make the sun return – Isa 40:22
- e. God uses lights in the heavens for signs: Gen 1:14-19, Josh 10:11-14, Isa 13:10, 60:20, Eze 32:7-8, Joel 2:31, Mt 24:29, Rev 6:12-17, 8:12, 22:5

### 3. 39:2-4 – Hezekiah's Pride

- a. 37- Sennacherib, “give up the city”. 38- “give up your life”. 39:1 – “a gift for you!”
- b. Hezekiah trusted the LORD during trouble 2 Chron 32:8, but in times of prosperity?
- c. After the gifts and being magnified “*Hezekiah rendered not again*” - 2 Chr 32:22-25
- d. Hezekiah responded with humility and prayer in 37-38, but there is no prayer in Isa 39
  - i. “*his...his... his... his... his*” – Wasn't it all the LORD's and the LORD's doing?
  - ii. “*heart lifted up...therefore...wrath*” – lack of prayer, pride in flesh - Jer 17:5
- e. 2Chr 32:31 – “*God left him to try him*” – he even uses our failures for his purpose
- f. We learn all sin (Ecc 7:20) - “*put not your trust in princes...*” - Ps 118:8-9, 146:3
- g. 3-4 – Isaiah confronts him, but Hezekiah does not answer what they said.

### 4. 39:5-8 – Babylon Takes Judah

- a. 5- “*LORD of hosts*” compare to Isa 37:21, and Isa 38:5
- b. 6- Total pillaging of Judah, due to Hezekiah's pride? Pride before a fall - 2Chr 36:12-20
- c. 7- “*thy sons...eunuchs in...Babylon*” – Jer 29:1-2, 52:25, Dan 1:3,11, also Manasseh
  - i. 100 years til Babylon, then 70 years in Babylon - Jer 29:10-14
  - ii. Manasseh was a wicked king until he went to Babylon – 2 Chron 33:9-13
- d. 8- “*Good is the word of the LORD*” – Hezekiah accepts God's judgment as good.
- e. “*peace and truth in my days*” – You cannot control what is outside your days.
  - i. Hezekiah humbled himself so that wrath came not in his days – 2 Chr 32:26