

A New Lease on Life

Isaiah 38

What should we do when faced with death and eternity

A. The Pronouncement of Death (Isaiah 38:1)

- 1. At a time of crisis**
- 2. Preparations necessary**

B. The Prayer For Life (Isaiah 38:2-3)

- 1. In brokenness (38:2)**
- 2. In faith and in proper standing with God (38:3)**

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C. The Promise of Healing and Deliverance (Isaiah 38:4-8)

1. From the Lord (38:4)

2. Fifteen years added to Hezekiah's life (38:5)

Psalm 90:12

3. Deliverance from the Assyrians promised (38:6)

4. A supernatural sign given (38:7-8)

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D. The Praise for Answered Prayer (Isaiah 38:9-20)

1. A recounting of the test (38:9-15)

2. A recollection of the answer (38:16-20)

a. The just shall live by faith (v 16)

b. The just shall live in God's love (v 17)

c. The just shall live in life (vv 18-19)

d. The just shall live in praise (v 20)

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E. The Prescription for Healing (Isaiah 38:21-22)

- 1. A physical remedy often required (38:21)**
- 2. God's presence (38:22)**

Hezekiah's Failure

Isaiah 39

Greatest spiritual defeats often follow greatest spiritual victories

Psalm 19:7-13

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I. The Pride of Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:1-2)

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1 At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

I. The Pride of Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:1-2)

A. Brought about by flattery (39:1-2a)

Proverbs 29:5

A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

Proverbs 26:28

A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

I. The Pride of Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:1-2)

B. Brought about by failure to acknowledge God (39:2b)

Proverbs 3:6

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

II. The Problem of Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:3-4)

Isaiah 39:3-4

3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon.

4 Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

II. The Problem of Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:3-4)

A. In God's eyes (39:3a)

Numbers 32:23

But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

B. God's warnings about Babylon ignored (39:3b-4)

Isaiah 13:5

They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

1. A roadmap given to the future oppressors (39:3b)

2. Nothing hid from the future oppressors (39:4)

III. The Prophecy Pronounced To Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:5-7)

A. The Word of the Lord (39:5)

Isaiah 39:5

Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

B. Riches taken away (39:6)

Isaiah 39:6

Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

2 Kings 24:8-16

8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.

9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.

11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it.

2 Kings 24:8-16

12 And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

14 And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land.

2 Kings 24:8-16

15 And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

III. The Prophecy Pronounced To Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:5-7)

C. Rulers taken away and cut off (39:7)

Isaiah 39:7

And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 25:6-7

6 So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.

III. The Prophecy Pronounced To Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:5-7)

C. Rulers taken away and cut off (39:7) - continued

Daniel 1:1-6

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it.

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

III. The Prophecy Pronounced To Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:5-7)

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Daniel 1:1-6 - continued

4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

IV. The Pitiful Response Of Hezekiah (Isaiah 39:8)

Isaiah 39:8

Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days

“At least it won’t happen to me”

The Lessons We Should Learn From Hezekiah

**We are involved in spiritual warfare
We are all vulnerable to defeat by the
enemy
Beware of pride**