

ISAIAH 39 vs 1

Beginning in chapter 24 and through this chapter, Isaiah was instructed of the LORD to address all the major actors, even those who made a covenant with death and lies, and hell... people so evil they would murder their own children... even till the time of the end of the Gentile nations and Messiah comes in power and great glory....

This chapter concludes the first great section of Isaiah's book of prophecies and history of both houses of Israel: Ephraim Israel and Judah Israel. In this chapter king Hezekiah who had been sick unto death, recovered and was promised an additional 15 years. Tragically those additional years, became his worst years, referred to as his pride and folly years.

As a result, when Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh was undeniably the worst king to rule over Judah, it is said that Manasseh had Isaiah brutally murdered; but in 2 Chronicles 33:12- 15 the Lord humbled him and finally, at the end of his life, Manasseh then knew the Lord was God, and for the remaining days of his life, we see Manasseh – named after the older son of Joseph – greatly blessed, who was promised to become a great nation at the center of the world, doing right. The Lord our God is patient to put up with our hard head's always racing to sin and offend Him. May we pause every day to thank Him as we allow the enemy our soul to come before Him and with his screechy voice mock His creation because of what stupid we do.



The stupidity of Hezekiah – father of Manasseh

¹ **At that time Merodach-baladan, 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** / the court of Babylon made their way to Hezekiah, not because he was pious, but because he was prosperous. The king of Babylon was an enemy to the king of Assyria, so was fond of Hezekiah, because the Assyrians were so much weakened by the power of his God – Matthew Henry.

²And Hezekiah gladly showed them all the precious things in his treasury, the silver, the gold, the spices, even the precious ointment, and his whole armory – their newest weapons, and all that was found in his treasuries.

There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah did not show them / welcoming these august strangers who had come from afar; it is a hard matter to keep the spirit low in the midst of great advancements, Hezekiah is an instance of it: he was a wise and good man, but, when one miracle after another was worked in his favor, he found it hard to keep his heart from being lifted up; and a little thing drew him into the snare of pride.

³ Then Isaiah the prophet came to king Hezekiah, and asked him: What did these men say? and from where did they come to you? And Hezekiah said: They came to me from a country far away, from Babylon.

⁴ Then he asked: What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered: **All that is in my house they saw:** there is nothing among my treasures that I have **not** shown them. / probably answering with the biggest, cheery smile



⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah,

Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

⁶ Behold, the days come, when all that is in your house, and all that your fathers treasured to this day, will be carried to Babylon: nothing will be left, says the LORD.

⁷ And some of your sons who come from you, whom you will father, they will take away; and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah: **Good** / **Amen**; so be it is the word from the LORD that you spoke, because he wrongly thought, there will be peace and truth in my days.

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