

## The Sickness and Death of Hezekiah

(2 Kings 20:1-21; 2 Chron. 32:24-33; Is. 38:1-39:1-8)

Hezekiah became sick while the Assyrians were invading Judah. God sent Isaiah to tell Hezekiah to get his house in order because he would die. Hezekiah cried and prayed to God. Before Isaiah had even left the palace, God sent him back to tell Hezekiah that He had heard Hezekiah's prayer and had seen his tears. God said that He would heal Hezekiah and in 3 days he would go to the temple. God would add 15 years to Hezekiah's life and He would also defeat the king of Assyria for him.

Hezekiah asked for a sign that these things would happen. God asked if Hezekiah wanted the shadow of the sun to go forward or backward 10 steps. Hezekiah asked for the shadow to go back 10 steps. Isaiah told Hezekiah to put a poultice of figs on his boil and Hezekiah recovered.

Hezekiah was so thankful that God saved him that he wrote a song praising God. He thanked God for saving him and promised to live his life carefully since God had spared him.

When Merodach-baladan of Babylon heard that Hezekiah had been sick and had recovered, he sent letters and a gift. When they came from Babylon, God left Hezekiah alone, to test him, to know everything that was in his heart. Hezekiah failed God's test because he bragged about all his riches to the people of Babylon.

Isaiah came and asked Hezekiah what he had shown the men of Babylon. Hezekiah told him that he had shown them everything. Isaiah told him that because he had done this wicked thing, a time would come when everything in the palace and some of his own family would be taken to Babylon! Hezekiah was not too upset about this because he would not have to worry about it in his lifetime. Hezekiah was buried with the kings when he died. Just as Assyria was used to punish Israel, Babylon would be used to punish Judah.

**Main Points:**

1. God will hear our prayers if we are obeying Him.
2. God looks to see if we will be faithful to Him.
3. God will punish the wicked.
4. God keeps His promises.

## Lesson 12 Questions: Hezekiah's Sickness & Death

1. What happened to Hezekiah?

He got angry

He got sick

2. What did Hezekiah do when Isaiah told him he would die?

Cried

Prayed

Pouted

3. How many years did God add to Hezekiah's life?

5

15

4. As a sign, which direction did Hezekiah ask God to move the shadow on the sundial?

Forward

Backward

5. How did Hezekiah feel when God saved him?

Thankful

Mad

6. How did God feel about Hezekiah showing the men of Babylon everything?

Happy

Angry

7. Because Hezekiah sinned, where did Isaiah say all his things and his family would be taken one day?

Assyria

Babylon

8. Was Hezekiah very upset about this?

Yes

No

9. Will God hear our prayers if we obey Him?

Yes

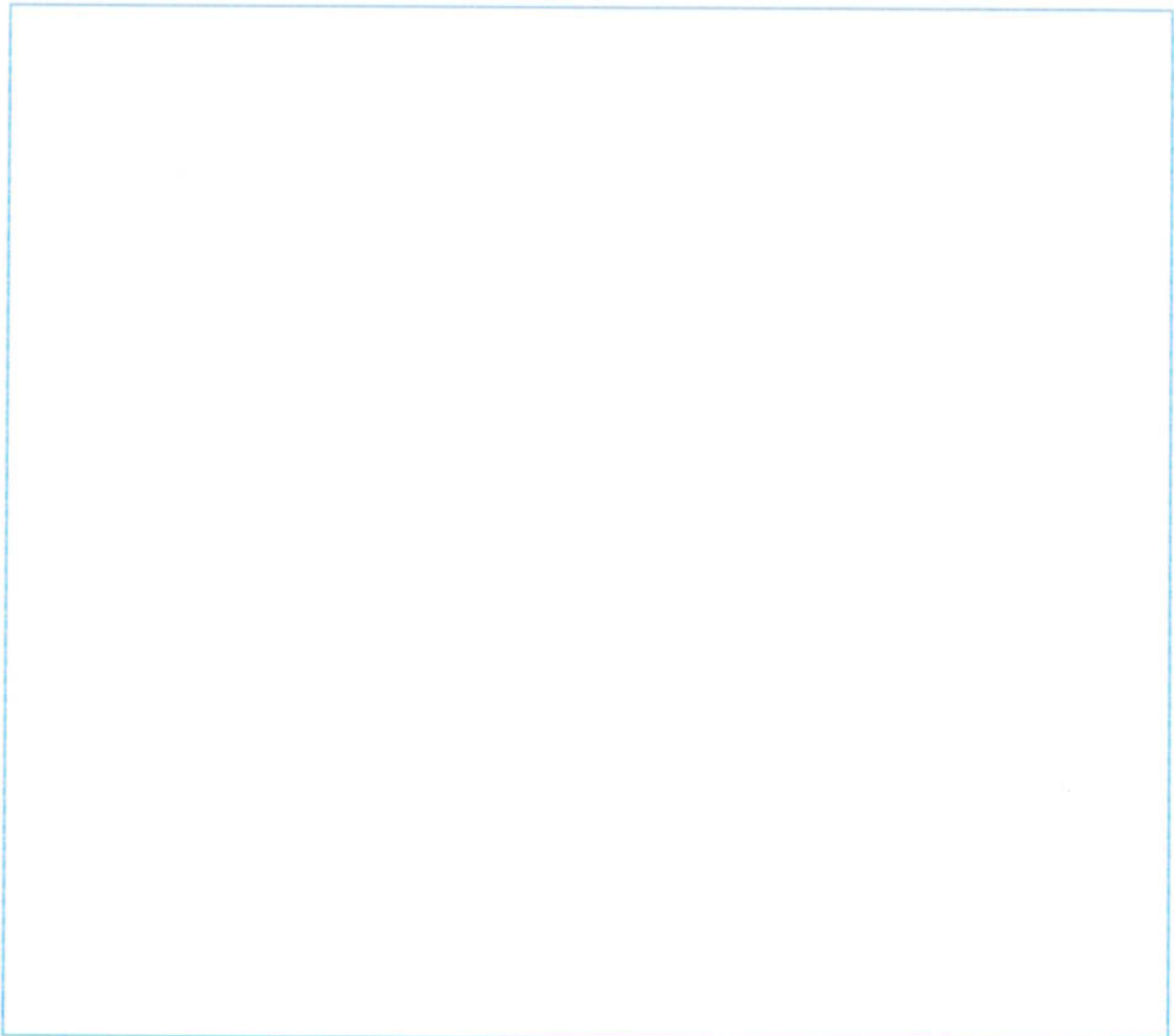
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10. Will God look to see if we will stay faithful to Him?

Yes

No

Draw a picture of the sign God gave Hezekiah:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin blue border, intended for drawing a picture of the sign God gave Hezekiah.

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"I will bring the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward..." Isaiah 38:8