

²¹ Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a cake of figs and apply it to the boil, that he may recover." ²² Hezekiah also had said, "What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?"

Envoys from Babylon

39 At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered. ² And Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. And he showed them his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armory, all that was found in his storehouses. There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them. ³ Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? And from where did they come to you?" Hezekiah said, "They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon." ⁴ He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them."

⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: ⁶ Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD. ⁷ And some of your own sons, who will come from you, whom you will father, shall be taken away, and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." ⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "There will be peace and security in my days."

① God allows Isaiah to bring the ointment to heal the King. This physical application links the healing through Isaiah to God.

② 2 Kings 20:5 was the King who was as good as dead would be in the temple of God in 3 days. This is a resurrection shadow of Jesus being dead 3 days. Isaiah saw the 3 days as proof of this being a miracle of God.

① This was most likely a ploy to see what treasures were in Judah. It was hidden in flattery & the pretext of personal concern.

② The King takes the bait and shows off or brags about all he has.

③ Isaiah confronts Hezekiah.

④ The foolishness of his actions are not immediately evident to the King.

⑤-6 Isaiah tells the King what his foolish actions will cost him.

① This was a way to humiliate a nation and flaunt their winning or defeating them.

② Here Hezekiah shows a spirit of selfishness, and disregard for his responsibilities. He prayed for his own life but did not pray for the nation he had betrayed. This shallowness is a hallmark of Hezekiah and many leaders. It is not enough to be safe and secure. It is the leader's responsibility to defend and protect the future.

Here God's people will be taken away, the nation defeated, and the prophecy of Isaiah listed here come to fruition. This section ends in darkness and defeat.