

ISAIAH – LESSON FIFTEEN

INTRODUCTION: Historical background concerning Hezekiah's sickness and recovery (2 Kings 20:1-16, 2 Chronicles 32:24-26).

- I. KING HEZEKIAH'S SICKNESS AND RECOVERY (Chapters 38-39).**
- A. Isaiah sent to a sick Hezekiah to inform him to prepare to die (38:1).
 - B. Hezekiah turns face to wall to pray to God with tears for the sparing of his life (38:2-3).
 - C. God sends Isaiah to Hezekiah answering Hezekiah's prayer by saying that God is giving him fifteen more years of life - gives miraculous sign to assure Hezekiah (38:4-8; 21-22).
 - D. Hezekiah's writing of thanksgiving regarding his deliverance from imminent death by God (38:9-20).
 - E. Embassy from King of Babylon sends letter and present to Hezekiah regarding news of King Hezekiah's recovery from death threatening sickness (39:1-2).
 - F. Isaiah rebukes Hezekiah of showing Babylon all the treasuries of the house of Jehovah and predicts that Babylon will take the treasuries with Hezekiah's offspring away (39:3-8).

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God send to say to a sick Hezekiah?
2. What did God hear and see in Hezekiah that caused Him to give Hezekiah fifteen more years of life on earth?
3. In Hezekiah's life, was prayer an important and effectual practice?
4. What "means" were used to cause Hezekiah to recovery from his life threatening sickness?
5. What "miraculous sign" was given to assure Hezekiah that he would recover?
6. What was the "dial of Ahaz"?

7. In Hezekiah's writing after his recovery, establish his "views" concerning the following:
 - (a). the present time in years of his life –
 - (b). His existence after death –
 - (c). His helplessness in oppression-
 - (d). Reasons for his hope of recovery –
 - (e). His appreciation for his recovery from sickness –
 - (f). What he will do when recovered –

8. What was Hezekiah's sin in connection with Babylon's rejoicing over Hezekiah's recovery from sickness?

9. What does Isaiah prophesy as to the consequences of Hezekiah's error?

10. How does Hezekiah manifest a "humble" attitude towards the word of God?