

Isaiah 38:1-22 **Hezekiah's Life Extended**

Hezekiah's Life Extended (2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chronicles 32:24-26)

¹ In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

² Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, ³ and said, "Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

⁴ And the word of the Lord came to Isaiah, saying,

⁵ "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years.

⁶ I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.'"

⁷ And this is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing which He has spoken:

⁸ Behold, I will bring the shadow on the sundial, which has gone down with the sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward." So the sun returned ten degrees on the dial by which it had gone down.

Hezekiah's Song of Praise

⁹ This is the writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:

¹⁰ I said, "In the prime of my life I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the remainder of my years."

¹¹ I said, "I shall not see Yah, The Lord in the land of the living; I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants of the world.

¹² My life span is gone, Taken from me like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my life like a weaver. He cuts me off from the loom; From day until night You make an end of me.

¹³ I have considered until morning — Like a lion, So He breaks all my bones; From day until night You make an end of me.

¹⁴ Like a crane or a swallow, so I chattered; I mourned like a dove; My eyes fail from looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; Undertake for me!

¹⁵ "What shall I say? He has both spoken to me, And He Himself has done it. I shall walk carefully all my years In the bitterness of my soul.

¹⁶ O Lord, by these things men live; And in all these things is the life of my spirit; So You will restore me and make me live.

¹⁷ Indeed it was for my own peace That I had great bitterness; But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

¹⁸ For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot praise You; Those who go down to the pit cannot hope for Your truth.

¹⁹ The living, the living man, he shall praise You, As I do this day; The father shall make known Your truth to the children.

²⁰ "The Lord was ready to save me; Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments All the days of our life, in the house of the Lord."

Added facts revealed

21 Now Isaiah had said, "Let them take a lump of figs, and apply it as a poultice on the boil, and he shall recover."

22 And Hezekiah had said, "What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?"

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Hezekiah was sick to the point of death. [\[Isaiah 38:1\]](#)
- ✧ Isaiah told Hezekiah that Yahweh had said for Hezekiah to set his house in order, for he would die and not live. [\[Isaiah 38:1\]](#)
- ✧ Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed reminding Yahweh that he had walked before Him with a loyal heart and had done what was good in the sight of the Lord. [\[Isaiah 38:1\]](#)
- ✧ Hezekiah wept bitterly. [\[Isaiah 38:2-3\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh sent Isaiah back to Hezekiah and told him that He had heard Hezekiah's prayer and seen his tears. [\[Isaiah 38:4-5\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh promised to add 15 years to Hezekiah's life, defend the city and deliver Hezekiah and Jerusalem from the hand of the king of Assyria. [\[Isaiah 38:5-6\]](#)
- ✧ Yahweh gave Hezekiah a sign of confirmation, the shadow on the sundial of Ahaz went ten degrees backward, lengthening the day. [\[Isaiah 38:7-8\]](#)
- ✧ Hezekiah wrote a song about his experience and said his songs will be sung to the accompaniment of stringed instruments all the days of our life in the House of Yahweh. [\[Isaiah 38:9-20\]](#)

Added Facts

- ✧ Isaiah instructed them to take a lump of figs, apply it as a poultice on the boil, and promised that he would recover. [\[Isaiah 38:21\]](#)
- ✧ Hezekiah had asked for a sign that he would recover. [\[Isaiah 38:22\]](#)