

or come before it with a shield,  
or cast up a siege-ramp against it.

<sup>34</sup>By the way that he came, he will return.  
And he will not come into this city,”

**Isaiah** declares the LORD.

**The LORD** <sup>35</sup>“I will defend this city, to save it for My own sake  
and for the sake of David, My servant.”

**Isaiah** <sup>36</sup>And the angel of the LORD went forth and slew a hundred  
and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. And when they  
[who were left] arose early in the morning, behold, they were  
all dead corpses. <sup>37</sup>And Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, trav-  
eled and returned and dwelt at Nineveh. <sup>38</sup>And as he was wor-  
shipping in the house [temple] of Nisroch, his god, his sons,  
Adrammelech and Sharezer, slew him with the sword. And they  
escaped into the land of Armenia. Then Esarhaddon, his son,  
reigned in his stead.

#### KING HEZEKIAH'S SICKNESS (38:1-8)

**Isaiah** **38** In those days Hezekiah became sick to the point of death.  
Isaiah, the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and  
said to him, “Thus says the LORD,

**The LORD** “Set your house in order, because you are about die; and you will  
not live.”

**Isaiah** <sup>2</sup>Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the  
LORD. <sup>3</sup>And he said,

**Hezekiah** “Please, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before you  
in truth and with a whole heart, and I have done what is good  
in your sight.”

**Isaiah** And Hezekiah wept bitterly. <sup>4</sup>And the word of the LORD came  
to Isaiah, saying,

**The LORD** <sup>5</sup>“Go and say to Hezekiah, “Thus says the LORD, the God of  
David your father, I have heard your prayer. I have seen your  
tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your days. <sup>6</sup>And I will  
deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria,  
and I will defend this city.”

**Isaiah** <sup>7</sup>And this is the sign to you from the LORD that the LORD will do  
this thing concerning which He has spoken:

**The LORD** <sup>8</sup>‘Behold, I will turn back the shadow cast by the sun, which had descended on the steps of Ahaz, by ten steps.’”

**Isaiah** Then the sun turned back the ten steps it had descended.

KING HEZEKIAH’S PSALM (38:9–20)

**Isaiah** <sup>9</sup>A writing of Hezekiah, king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:

**Hezekiah** <sup>10</sup>I said in the half of my days, “I will go into the gates of Sheol. I am deprived of the rest of my years.”

<sup>11</sup>I said, “I will not see the LORD in the land of the living; I will not look upon a human again, or the inhabitants of the world.

<sup>12</sup>My dwelling is pulled up and is removed from me like a tent of a shepherd.

I have rolled up my life like a weaver; from the loom He has cut me away.

From day to night, You have finished me.

<sup>13</sup>I cried out until morning; like a lion He broke all my bones. From day to night, You have finished me.

<sup>14</sup>I chirp, like a swallow, a crane; I moan like a dove.

My eyes grow weary from looking upward. O Lord, I am in distress; be my pledge of surety. <sup>15</sup>What can I say? Since He has responded to me, and He has [healed me].<sup>150</sup> All of my years I move slowly [that I may not walk] in the bitterness of my soul.

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, [You who are] the life of my spirit, [in whom I live], may You restore me to health and cause me to live;

[and in all these things I will praise you]. <sup>17</sup>Behold, it was bitterness for me, bitterness [instead of peace]. But You in love have saved me from the pit of destruction, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back.

<sup>18</sup>For Sheol does not thank You, death does not praise You,

those who go down to the pit do not hope for Your truth. <sup>19</sup>The living, the living, he will thank You, like me on this day. A father

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150. Bracketed words in verses 14–16 are from JST.

makes known Your truth to the children. <sup>20</sup> O LORD, save me, and we will play music on stringed instruments, all the days of our lives in the House of the LORD.”

**Isaiah** <sup>21</sup> Isaiah said, “Let them take a cake of figs and apply to the boil that he may recover.” Also, Hezekiah said,

**Hezekiah** <sup>22</sup> “What is the sign that I will go up to the House of the LORD?”

#### ISAIAH’S PROPHECY OF BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY (39:1-8)

**Isaiah** **39** At that time Merodach-baladan, son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, when he had heard that he had been sick and had regained strength. <sup>2</sup> Hezekiah rejoiced concerning them, and he showed them the house of his treasure, the silver and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and all of his armory, 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. <sup>3</sup> Then Isaiah, the prophet, came to King Hezekiah and said to him, “What did these men say to you? And from where did they come to you?” And Hezekiah said,

**Hezekiah** “They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon.”

**Isaiah** <sup>4</sup> And he said, “What have they seen in your house?” And Hezekiah said,

**Hezekiah** “They have seen all that is in my house. There is not a thing that I did not show them in my treasuries.”

**Isaiah** <sup>5</sup> Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD of Hosts.”

**The LORD** <sup>6</sup> “Behold, the days are coming when everything that is in your house, and that your fathers have stored until this day will be carried to Babylon; not a thing will be left, says the LORD. <sup>7</sup> And some of your sons, who will come from you, who will be born to you—they will be taken and will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

**Isaiah** <sup>8</sup> And Hezekiah said to Isaiah,

**Hezekiah** “The word of the LORD is good that you have spoken.”

**Isaiah** And he said,

**Hezekiah** “Because there will be peace and truth in my days.”