

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.”