

The Crisis of Hezekiah



The Dramatic Story Of
Isaiah 36-39

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The Timing Of The Crisis

-  **2 Kings 18:13** - "Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the **fenced** (*batsar*) cities of Judah, and took them".
-  **2 Chronicles 32:1** - "After these things, (NRSV - and these acts of faithfulness), the king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the **fenced** (*batsar*) cities... to win them for himself".
-  **Isaiah 36:1** - "Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the **defenced** (*batsar*) cities of Judah, and took them".

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The Composition of a Crisis

Definition of a crisis:

- a time of intense difficulty or danger
- a moment requiring decisive response
- a turning point for better or for worse

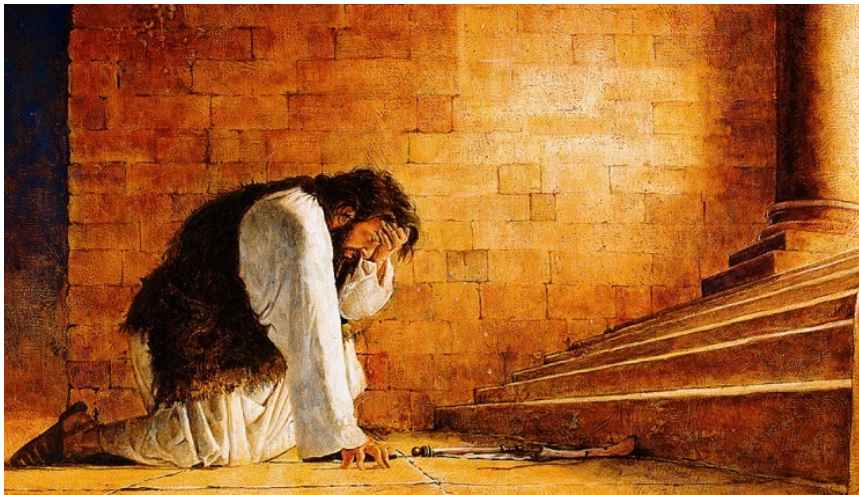
Characteristics of a crisis:

- they occur unexpectedly
- they produce uncertainty
- they jeopardise objectives
- they precipitate change

Oxford & Merriam-Webster Dictionaries

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*Study One:
The Challenge and the Sackcloth*

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Speaking To The Heart

-  **2 Chronicles 32:7** - “Be strong and courageous”.
Spoken by Moses to Israel (**Deuteronomy 31:6**), when facing the nations of Canaan.
-  **2 Chronicles 32:7** - “be not afraid nor dismayed”.
Spoken by Jahaziel to Jehoshaphat (**2 Chronicles 20:15**), when facing the multitudes of Ammon.
-  **2 Chronicles 32:7** - “there be more with us than with him”. Spoken by Elisha to his servant (**2 Kings 6:16**), when facing the host of the Syrians.
-  **2 Chronicles 32:8** - “with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles”. Spoken by Moses to Israel (**Deuteronomy 20:3-4**) when facing the enemy.

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The Speech Of Rabshakeh

The speech to the king (vs 4-10)

“Say to Hezekiah, thus saith the great king”

-  **Isaiah 36:4-10** - The **speech to the king**, delivered through his deputies. Note “**thou**” (masculine singular)
Key word - trust (*batach*) to flee for refuge, to trust.
Found - **v4**^{2x}, **v5**, **v6**^{2x}, **v7**, **v9** = 7x

-  **Isaiah 36:11-12** - The **exchange with the deputies**.

The speech to the people (vs 13-20)

“Hear ye the word of the great king”

-  **Isaiah 36:13-20** - The **speech to the people**, spoken to those on the wall. Note “**you**” (masculine plural)
Key word - deliver (*natsal*) to snatch away, to rescue.
Found - **v14**, **v15**, **v18**^{2x}, **v19**, **v20**^{2x} = 7x

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The Speech Of Rabshakeh

The speech to the king (vs 4-10)

✚ **Isaiah 36:4-7** - **Creating uncertainty** through the shock of insider intelligence.

✚ **Isaiah 36:8-10** - **Undermining confidence** through the anxiety of psychological warfare.

The exchange with the deputies (vs 11-12)

✚ **Isaiah 36:11-12** - **Instigating fear** through the terror of coarse reality.

The speech to the people (vs 13-20)

✚ **Isaiah 36:13-17** - **Inducing surrender** through the cunning of benevolent blandishments.

✚ **Isaiah 36:18-20** - **Destroying trust** through the power of irrefutable evidence.

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Learning To Keep Silence

✚ **Psalms 39:1-2** - "I will take heed... that I sin not with my tongue: **I will keep my mouth with a bridle**, while the wicked is before me, I was dumb with silence".

✚ **Proverbs 10:19** - "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but **he that refraineth his lips** (ISV - holds his tongue) *is wise*".

✚ **Proverbs 17:28** - "Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* **he that shutteth his lips** *is esteemed* a man of understanding".

✚ **Ecclesiastes 3:1,7** - "There is... a time to every purpose under heaven... a time to rend, and a time to sew, **a time to keep silence**, and a time to speak".

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The Covering Of Sackcloth

-  **Esther 4:1** - "Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry".
-  **Isaiah 58:5** - "Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? to bow down his head... and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?"
-  **Jeremiah 6:26** - "O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning... most bitter lamentation".
-  **Daniel 9:3** - "And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed unto the LORD".

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Taking Time For Careful Assessment

Lessons on how to face a crisis

-  **Proverbs 14:29** - "He that is slow to anger is of great understanding: but he that is hasty (*qatser* - to be short in temper) of spirit exalteth folly".
-  **Proverbs 19:2** - "Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth (*uwts* - to press close) with his feet sinneth".
-  **Proverbs 29:20** - "Seest thou a man that is hasty (*uwts* - to press close) in his words (*mg.* in his matters)? There is more hope of a fool than of him".
-  **Ecclesiastes 5:2** - "Be not rash with thy mouth, let not thine heart be hasty (*mahar* - to hurry quickly) to utter anything before God... let thy words be few".

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Study Two: The Letter and the Answer

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Calling On The Living God

- **Joshua 3:10** - "Hereby ye shall know that the **living God** is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites".
- **Hosea 1:10** - "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea... it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the **living God**".
- **2 Corinthians 6:16** - "for ye are the temple of the **living God**; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God".
- **1 Timothy 4:10** - "For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the **living God**, who is the Saviour of all men".

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The Answer Of Yahweh

A message of judgment to Sennacherib (v22-29)

"This is the word concerning him"

-  **Isaiah 37:22-25** – A poem of distain for Sennacherib's failure, and his sentence for the sin of reproach.
-  **Isaiah 37:26-29** – A warning of divine control, and the threat of inexorable power to remove him.

A message of comfort for Hezekiah (v30-35)

"And this shall be a sign unto thee"

-  **Isaiah 37:30-32** – A pledge of provision for national relief, and the assurance of a remnant to be saved.
-  **Isaiah 37:33-35** – A guarantee of Sennacherib's defeat, and the promise of the city's defence.

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The Sin Of Reproaching God

-  **Isaiah 37:4** – "It may be the LORD will hear the words of Rabshakeh which the king of Assyria hath sent to **reproach** (*charaph*) the living God, and will reprove".
-  **Isaiah 37:17** – "Incline thine ear , O LORD... and hear all the words of Sennacherib which hath sent to **reproach** (*charaph*) the living God".
-  **Isaiah 37:23** – "Whom hast thou **reproached** (*charaph*) and blasphemed? Against whom hast thou exalted thy voice?... even against the Holy One of Israel".
-  **Isaiah 37:24** – "By thy servants hast thou **reproached** (*charaph*) the LORD, and hast said... I am come up to the height of the mountains".

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The Preservation Of A Remnant

-  **Isaiah 10:20-21** - "The **remnant** of Israel and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob... the **remnant** shall return, the **remnant** of Jacob unto the mighty God".
-  **Isaiah 11:11** - "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall set his hand again the second time to recover the **remnant** of his people".
-  **Isaiah 37:4** - "It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words... wherefore lift up thy prayer for the **remnant** that is left".
-  **Isaiah 37:31-32** - "And the **remnant** that is escaped of the house of Judah shall take root... for out of Jerusalem shall go forth a **remnant**".

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Praying With God Centred Focus

Lessons on how to face a crisis

-  **1 Samuel 17:46** - "This day will the LORD deliver thee into my hand; and I will smite thee... (so) that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel".
-  **1 Chronicles 16:35** - "And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and deliver us... (so) that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise".
-  **Psalms 83:17-18** - "Let them be put to shame and perish. (so) That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Yahweh, art the most high over all the earth".
-  **Isaiah 37:20** - "therefore, O LORD our God, save us out of his hand, (so) that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only".

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Study Three: The Sickness and the Shadow

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The Prospect Of Premature Death

- 📖 **Isaiah 38:10-11** – NASB “I said, **in the middle of my life** I am to enter the gates of Sheol, I have been **deprived of the rest of my years**. I said, I will not see the LORD, the LORD in the land of the living”.
- 📖 **Isaiah 38:12** – NKJV “**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”.
- 📖 **Psalms 102:23-24** – “He weakened my strength in the way: he **shortened my days**. I said, O my God, take me not away **in the midst of my days**: thy years are throughout all generations”.

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The Shadow Of Transient Life

-  **Job 14:2** - "(Man) cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow (*tse*l), and continueth not".
-  **Psalms 102:10-11** - "thou hast lifted me up and cast me down. My days are like a shadow (*tse*l) that declineth; and I am withered like grass".
-  **Psalms 144:3-4** - "LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him!... Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow (*tse*l) that passeth away".
-  **Ecclesiastes 6:12** - "For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? (*tse*l)".

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The Shadow On The Staircase

-  **Exodus 20:25-26** - "if thou wilt make me an altar... thou shalt not build it of hewn stone... Neither shalt thou go up (*alah*) by steps (*ma'alah*) unto mine altar".
-  **Nehemiah 12:37** - "And at the fountain gate, which was over against them, they went up (*alah*) by the stairs (*ma'alah*) of the city of David".
-  **Isaiah 38:8** - "Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees (*ma'alah*), (NASB) which is gone down with the sun on the stairway (*ma'alah*) of Ahaz".
-  **Ezekiel 40:49** - "And he brought me by the steps (*ma'alah*) whereby they went up (*alah*) to it: and there were pillars by the posts".

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The Shadows Of The Afternoon

-  **Psalm 102:11** - "My days are like a shadow that declineth (*natah* - to stretch out). NKJV - like a shadow that lengthens".
 -  **Song of Solomon 2:17** - "Until the day breathe, and the shadows be lengthened".
- "In the late afternoon, a zephyr breeze cools the air as the shadows lengthen and vanish, as the dusk of the evening heralds a speedy change to night".
 Song of Songs, Brother Roy Waddoup
-  **Jeremiah 6:4** - "Woe unto us! for the day goeth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out".

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Revealing The Spirit Of Resignation

Lessons on how to face a crisis

-  **Job 1:21** - "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, naked shall I return: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away, blessed be the name of the LORD".
-  **2 Samuel 15:25-26** - "if I find favour... he will bring me again: But if he say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him".
-  **Isaiah 38:3** - "Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth.. with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight".
-  **2 Timothy 1:12** - "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day".

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Study Four: The Writing and the Psalter

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The Theme Of Sickness & Recovery

- **Isaiah 38:9** – “The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was **recovered** (*chayah* – to live) of his sickness”.
- **Isaiah 38:16** – “O LORD, by these things men live... so wilt thou **recover** me (*chalam* – to bind) and make me to live”.
- **Isaiah 38:21** – “For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall **recover** (*chayah* – to live)”.
- **Isaiah 39:1** – “Merodach-baladan... sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was **recovered** (*chazaq* – to be strong)”.

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The Writing Of Hezekiah

Despair at the prospect of death (v10-14)

Previous anguish - "I said"

-  **Isaiah 38:10-12** – An elegy of grief for life cut short, and the daunting prospect of premature death.
-  **Isaiah 38:13-14** – A lamentation of mourning for an untimely end, and a cry for help from oppression.

Delight at the promise of life (v15-20)

Future gladness - "What shall I say"

-  **Isaiah 38:15-17** – A paeon of thanks for life extended, and a decision to walk in reverence for restoration.
-  **Isaiah 38:18-20** – A vow of commitment to teach the truth, and the promise of praise to be renewed.

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The Songs Of The Degrees

-  **Psalms 120 - 134** – These psalms all bear the same heading: A Song of the Degrees. The word “degrees” is (*ma’alah*), the same word found in **Isaiah 38:8**.
-  There are 15 psalms in the collection, which answers to the 15 years of additional life which was extended to Hezekiah in **Isaiah 38:5**.
-  At the centre is 1 psalm by Solomon (**Psalms 127**). On both sides are 2 sets of 7 (**Psalms 120-126, 128-134**), each with 2 psalms by David, and 5 psalms by Hezekiah.
-  The series is also divided into 5 sets of 3, and each set follows a consistent theme: Distress | Trust | Blessing. They answer to the Songs referred to in **Isaiah 38:20**.

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The Songs Of The Degrees

Psalm 120	Distress	Hezekiah
Psalm 121	Trust	Hezekiah
Psalm 122	Blessing	David

Psalm 123	Distress	Hezekiah
Psalm 124	Trust	David
Psalm 125	Blessing	Hezekiah

Psalm 126	Distress	Hezekiah
Psalm 127	Trust	Solomon
Psalm 128	Blessing	Hezekiah

Psalm 129	Distress	Hezekiah
Psalm 130	Trust	Hezekiah
Psalm 131	Blessing	David

Psalm 132	Distress	Hezekiah
Psalm 133	Trust	David
Psalm 134	Blessing	Hezekiah

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Offering Thanks By Faithful Service

Lessons on how to face a crisis

-  **1 Samuel 1:27-28** - "For this child I prayed: and the LORD hath given my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the LORD".
-  **2 Samuel 22:49-50** - "thou also hast lifted me up on high... Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD... and I will sing praises unto thy name".
-  **Isaiah 38:20** - "The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life".
-  **2 Corinthians 12:9-10** - "he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee... Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches... for Christ's sake".

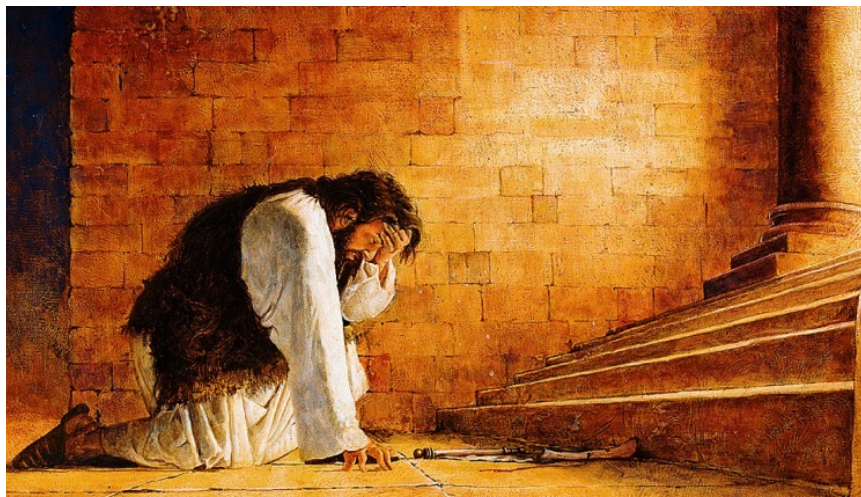
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Hezekiah's Pledge Of Commitment

- **The Songs of the Degrees** - This special collection relating to the twin crises in the life of Hezekiah, formed the centre of Book 5 of the Psalms.
- **The Orphan Psalms** - Almost 50 psalms have no note of authorship. Their content however, suggests that Hezekiah wrote a number of them, such as **Psalm 102**.
- **The Book of Proverbs** - An additional set of proverbs by Solomon, were collected and compiled under the auspices of Hezekiah, as noted in **Proverbs 25:1**.
- **The O.T. Canon** - Every book until Hezekiah's death ends with a 3-letter seal - **Cheth** | **Zain** | **Koph** - "bound". But **HZK** (from *chazaq*) is the short form for Hezekiah.

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*Study Five:
The Angel and the Envoys*

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The Victory Of Passover Deliverance

-  **Isaiah 26:20** - "Come, my people, enter thy chambers, and **shut thy doors about thee**: hide thyself... for a little moment... until the indignation be overpast".
-  **Isaiah 37:36** - "Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and **smote in the camp** of the Assyrians... and early in the morning, behold, they were all dead".
-  **Isaiah 31:5,8** - "the LORD of hosts (will) defend Jerusalem... and **passing over he will preserve it**... Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword".
-  **Isaiah 30:29** - "Ye shall have a song, **as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept**... for through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down".

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Isaiah's Role As God's Spokesman

-  **Isaiah 37:6** - "And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith Yahweh, Be not afraid of the words".
-  **Isaiah 37:21** - "Then Isaiah the son of Amoz, sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith Yahweh Elohim of Israel".
-  **Isaiah 38:4-5** - "Then came the word of Yahweh to Isaiah saying, Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith Yahweh, the God of David thy father".
-  **Isaiah 39:5** - "Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of Yahweh Tz'vaath, Behold the days come, that all... shall be carried to Babylon".

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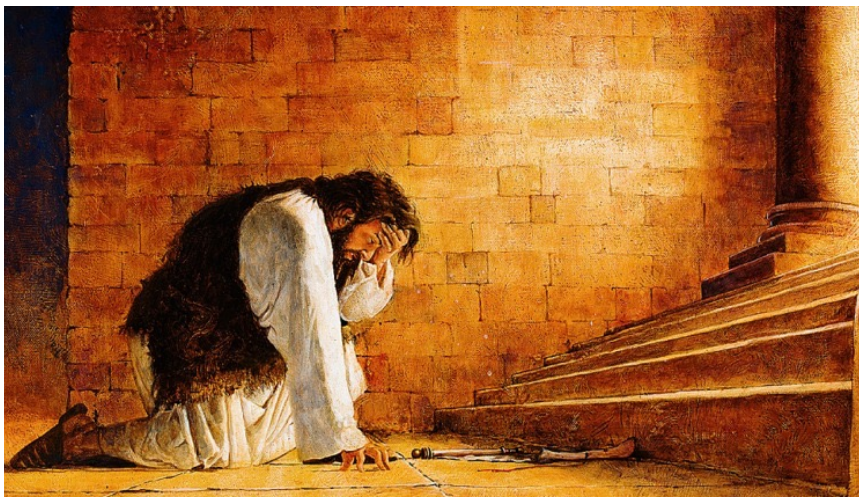
Showing Humility To Confess Fault

Lessons on how to face a crisis

- ❖ **2 Chronicles 12:12** - "And when he (Rehoboam) **humbled himself**, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether".
- ❖ **1 Kings 21:28-29** - "And the word of the LORD came Seest thou how Ahab **humbleth himself** before me? I will not bring the evil in his days".
- ❖ **2 Chronicles 32:26** - "Notwithstanding Hezekiah **humbled himself** for the pride of his heart... so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them".
- ❖ **2 Chronicles 33:12-13** - "he (Manasseh)... **humbled himself** greatly before the God of his fathers... and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication".

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*Study Six:
The Sequel and the Cipher*

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The Tightness Of The Timeframe

-  **Isaiah 36:1** - “Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against... Judah”.
-  **Isaiah 37:1** - “And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes... and into the house of God”.
-  **Isaiah 38:1** - “In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah... came unto him and said... Set thine house in order for thou shalt die and not live”.
-  **Isaiah 39:1** - “At that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he been sick”.

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The Flow Of The Narrative

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|  Isaiah 35:1
“The wilderness... and the desert shall blossom” |  Isaiah 40:3
“In the wilderness prepare, make straight in the desert” |
|  Isaiah 35:2
“they shall see the glory of the LORD” |  Isaiah 40:5
“the glory of the LORD, all flesh shall see it together” |
|  Isaiah 35:4
“say to them, behold, your God will come” |  Isaiah 40:9-10
“say unto... Judah, Behold your God... will come” |
|  Isaiah 35:8
“an highway shall be there the redeemed shall walk” |  Isaiah 40:3
“make straight in the desert a highway for our God” |
|  Isaiah 35:10
“the ransomed... shall come to Zion with songs” |  Isaiah 40:9
“O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion” |

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The Pivot Of The Prophecy

Isaiah 1-35

The Hero of the First Part

The King in his Righteous Reign

Isaiah 9:2-7

Isaiah 11:1-5

Isaiah 32:1-8

Isaiah 33:14-17

Isaiah 36-39

The prototype for both was to be found in the Crisis of Hezekiah.

He was the **Righteous King** who led Judah to true worship, and inspired them to faith in a time of danger.

But he was also to be the **Suffering Servant**, who would suffer on behalf of his people, in bringing salvation.

Isaiah 40-66

The Hero of the Second Part

The Servant in his Suffering Service

Isaiah 42:1-7

Isaiah 49:1-6

Isaiah 50:4-9

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

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The Chiasmus Of The Story

**Isaiah
36:1-22**

The arrival of the hostile Assyrian emissaries

- Assyrian king sent envoys to Hezekiah, with a threatening message and an army.
- Hezekiah refused them admittance to the city, and would not give them a reply.

Isaiah 37:1 - 38:22

- Hezekiah gave them welcome into the city, and showed them all his treasures.
- Babylonian king sent envoys to Hezekiah, with a peaceful message and a present.

**Isaiah
39:1-8**

The arrival of the friendly Babylonian ambassadors

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The Chiasmus Of The Story

**Isaiah
37:1-7**

The distress of Hezekiah and his appeal to God

- Hezekiah received the distressing news of **the threat of imminent invasion**
- Hezekiah appealed to Yahweh for divine assistance
- Isaiah's comforting message of reassurance

Isaiah 37:8 – 37:38

- Isaiah's comforting message of reassurance
- Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh for divine remembrance
- Hezekiah received the terrible news of **the prospect of impending death**

**Isaiah
38:1-22**

The sickness of Hezekiah and his appeal to God

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The Chiasmus Of The Story

**Isaiah
37:8-13**

The blasphemous words of Sennacherib

- Do not allow your God to deceive you into thinking that Jerusalem will not fall
- Your God cannot deliver you from the might of Assyria

Isaiah 37:14 - 20

- I will defend this city, and overthrow the might of Assyria
- You have reproached and blasphemed the Holy One of Israel

**Isaiah
37:21-38**

The powerful response of Yahweh

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The Twin Crises

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- The National Crisis – Invasion and Subjugation
 - A Personal Crisis – Sickness unto Death
 - A Personal Crisis – Recovery unto Life
 - The National Crisis – Overthrow and Deliverance

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The Twin Crises & The Twin Signs

The National Crisis – Invasion and Subjugation

A Personal Crisis – Sickness unto Death

Isaiah 37:30 The National Sign - A fruitful season miraculously prolonged

Isaiah 38:7 A Personal Sign - A falling shadow miraculously reversed

A Personal Crisis – Recovery unto Life

The National Crisis – Overthrow and Deliverance

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The Parable Of Hezekiah's Crisis

King Sin promised liberty, but demanded total surrender and submission to the bondage of his control

- ✦ **Isaiah 36:16-17** – “Make an agreement with me... and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine... until I come and take you away”.
- ✦ **Romans 8:21** – “Because the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God”.
- ✦ **2 Peter 2:19** – “While they promise them liberty, they... are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage”.
- ✦ **Hebrews 2:14-15** – “that he might destroy him that had the power of death... and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage”.

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The Parable Of Hezekiah's Crisis

His silence in the face of severe provocation was a testimony to his faith in God

- ✦ **Isaiah 36:21** - "But they held their peace, and answered him not a word, for the king's commandment was, saying, **Answer him not**".
- ✦ **Matthew 26:62-63** - "And the high priest (**Caiaphas**) arose, and said unto him... What is it which these witness against thee? **But Jesus held his peace**".
- ✦ **Luke 23:8-9** - "And when **Herod** saw Jesus he was exceeding glad... then he questioned him in many words; **but he answered him nothing**".
- ✦ **John 19:8-9** - "When **Pilate** therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid... and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? **But Jesus gave him no answer**".

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The Parable Of Hezekiah's Crisis

His healing and restoration from certain death would be accomplished on the third day

- ✦ **2 Kings 20:5** - "I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: **on the third day** thou shalt go up unto the house of God".
- ✦ **Luke 24:45-46** - "Then opened he their understanding... Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead **the third day**".
- ✦ **Acts 10:40-41** - "Him God raised up **the third day**, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God".
- ✦ **1 Corinthians 15:4** - "And that he (Christ) was buried, and that he rose again **the third day** according to the scriptures".

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The Parable Of Hezekiah's Crisis

*The deliverance of the king was the precursor
and basis for the salvation of the nation*

- ✦ **Isaiah 38:5-6** - "I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears... And **I will deliver thee** and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria".
- ✦ **2 Chronicles 32:22** - "Thus **the LORD** saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib... and from the hand of all other".
- ✦ **Isaiah 53:5** - "He was wounded for our transgressions... The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and **with his stripes** we are healed".
- ✦ **John 3:17** - "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world **through him** might be saved".

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*The iniquity of the nation would be forgiven through
the typical death and resurrection of the king*

- ✦ **Isaiah 33:24** - "And the **inhabitant** shall not say I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity".
- ✦ **Isaiah 40:2** - "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned".
- ✦ **Isaiah 53:6** - "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way, and **the LORD hath laid on him** the iniquity of us all".
- ✦ **Titus 2:13-14** - "our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Who gave himself for us**, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people".

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