

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 06 Sept	Isaiah 01-05	God Comforts
2) 13 Sept	Isaiah 06	God Sends
3) 20 Sept	Isaiah 07-22	God Promises
4) 27 Sept	Isaiah 23-24	God Reigns
5) 04 Oct	Isaiah 25-30	God Saves
6) 11 Oct	Isaiah 31-36	God Protects
7) 18 Oct	Isaiah 37-39	God Listens
8) 25 Oct	Isaiah 40-45	God Renews
9) 01 Nov	Isaiah 46-48	God Acts
10) 08 Nov	Isaiah 49-52	God Comforts
11) 15 Nov	Isaiah 53-57	God Justifies
12) 22 Nov	Isaiah 58-64	God Expects
13) 29 Nov	Isaiah 65-66	God Restores

INTRODUCTION

- As seen in Hezekiah's request to live longer we see God has given Man an indomitable will to live for as long as possible even on this sin-soaked planet

Lifeway's ETB Focus: **Isaiah 37:14-20, 30-35**

Passage	Comments
37:1-38	<p>God Saved Israel for the Sake of David & God's Glory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv1-4. King Hezekiah did a very noble thing as we all should in times of distress → He had a prayer meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v2. Not everyone was invited. Just the elders. If they didn't know how to pray correctly, shame on them v4. Perhaps God will hear and do something. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was not a done deal. God did not need to answer their desperate prayers. Recall Isaiah 1:15 where God said "I will not listen to you, even though you multiply prayers." Why? Because of their sinful atrocities vv6-22. BUT, Isaiah had a message from God to King Hezekiah that began with, "Do not be afraid" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v7. God was going to be merciful in this situation because of Hezekiah's humbled attitude and to cause the Assyrian King Rabshakeh to return and be slain by his sons Prov 21:1 vv31-32. Again, a promise is made by God that a remnant of Jews would survive and thrive (probably alluding to the Millennium and/or New Earth) v35. All this was done for God's sake and David's sake v36. The remaining Assyrian army (185,000) would be slain by just one of God's angels. In comparison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearl Harbor – 3,000 died Twin Towers 9/11 – 3,000 died Hiroshima Atomic Bombing – 66,000 died Battle of the Bulge – 104,000 died (84,000 Germans) COVID-19 (1st 6 months in U.S.) – 150,000 died Abortions (every 6 months in U.S.) – 400,000 die

God Often Moves for the Sake of His Name, for Abraham's and David's Sake, & for the Gospel (i.e., to uphold their reputations)

- [Gen 26:24](#). I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, for the sake of My servant Abraham.
- [Ezek 20:44](#). Then you will know that I am the LORD when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your evil ways or according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, ..."
- [Ezek 36:22](#). It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.
- [1Kings 15:4](#). For David's sake God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him & to establish Jerusalem
- [Mark 8:35](#). For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.

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38:1-22	<p>"God, Let Me Live – PLEASE!"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv1-8. Hezekiah is near death and prays earnestly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be careful what we pray for – we may get it Hezekiah lived 15 more years, begat Manasseh during this time, who was the most wicked Judean king ever 2Kings 21:11-13; 23:26; 24:3; Jer 15:4 If Hezekiah had died, who would have rightfully succeeded him as king in the lineage of David since Manasseh would not have yet been born? vv17-22 – Hezekiah gives praise to God and receives his medical healing – a herbal remedy – figs on boil <p>What was Hezekiah's illness and what really healed it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibly a bad infection that went septic, which can be fatal by causing multiple organ failure in a short period of time The fig poultice probably had a herbal-like medicinal value Recall what the Apostle Paul told Timothy, "...take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments" ... 1Tim 5:23 <p>Hezekiah Shows King of Babylon All His Wealth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hezekiah brings catastrophe on him and his people by showing Babylonians all his treasure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solomon showed many kings the wisdom & wealth he had and nothing bad happened .. 2Chron 9:20-28 Why was it bad for Hezekiah to be courteous to a visiting king from Babylon and show him around? Presumably, he did not "prove all things" to discern if the K. of Babylon had ill intent and he casted "pearls before swine" & the swine gobbled them up

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Can we pray for healings and deliverance from trouble today like Hezekiah? Absolutely YES
 - We will not get solutions and remedies directly from a prophet like Hezekiah did, but God can easily answer through providence:
 - e.g., accurate and timely medical prognosis and treatment
 - ...and God still directs the steps of men as needed to answer our prayers for deliverance..... [Prov 16:11; 20:24; 21:1](#)

NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 40-45. These chapters give several Messianic prophecies and strongly convey God as the one and only Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of all things, who does not become weary or tired, and who's understanding is beyond our ability to comprehend.

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LET'S KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE