



# Isaiah, Looking Beyond

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A Remnant:  
**Take root  
downward;  
Bear fruit  
upward**

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# Isaiah 37: 31, 32

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# Three Sections in the Book of Isaiah



The Book of  
**the King**

ISAIAH 1-37



The Book of  
**the Servant**

ISAIAH 38-55



The Book of the  
**Anointed Conqueror**

ISAIAH 56-66

## Three Seminal Events in the Life of Hezekiah recorded by Isaiah

**36-37**

**The Kingdom  
is threatened  
by Assyria**

**38**

**Hezekiah's  
illness and  
recovery**

**39**

**Ambassadors  
from Babylon**

## Two Events in the Life of Hezekiah

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**Ambassadors  
from Babylon**

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## Isaiah 39:1-2

At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that he had been sick and had recovered. And Hezekiah welcomed them gladly and showed them his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armory ....

## Isaiah 39:3-4

Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say? And from what country did they come to you? Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon." He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them."



## Isaiah 39:5-7

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Hezekiah?



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## Isaiah 37: 30

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## Isaiah 37:31-32

And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## Sennacherib vs Hezekiah: face-off





## Context for Sennacherib's Antagonism



# Tiglath-Pileser conducting business



## 2 Chronicles 29:3

In the first year of his reign ...Hezekiah opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. He brought in the priests and the Levites and .. said to them ... "consecrate yourselves, and consecrate the house of the LORD the God of our fathers... Our fathers have forsaken Him and turned away their faces and have been unfaithful....

## 2 Chronicles 30:1, 10-11

Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem to keep the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel... So the couriers went from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, and as far as Zebulun, but they laughed them to scorn and mocked them. However, some men of Asher, of Manasseh, and of Zebulun humbled themselves

## 2 Chronicles 30:18-20

A majority of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover ... Hezekiah prayed for them saying, 'May the good LORD pardon everyone who sets his heart to seek the LORD, the God of his fathers, even though not according to the sanctuary's rules of cleanness.' And the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people.

## 2 Chronicles 30:26, 27

So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David King of Israel there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem. Then the priests and the Levites arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard, and their prayer came to his holy habitation in heaven.



## 2 Chronicles 31:1

Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and broke down the high places and the altars throughout all Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all.





## What did Sennacherib think of that?

After these things and acts of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and invaded Judah and encamped against those fortified cities, thinking to win them for himself. 2 Chron 32:1

Trouble is coming



# Sennacherib boasts: 2 Chronicles 32:17

'Like the gods of the nations of the lands who have not delivered their people from my hands, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver his people from my hand.'

## Isaiah 37:29

Because you have raged against me and your complacency has come to my ears I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth, and I will turn you back on the way by which you came.

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# ZOOM fatigue





Person 1

Person 2

Person 3

Person 4



# A Remnant



Hezekiah  
HZK YAH =

GOD strengthens





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