

The God Who Makes a Way

Isaiah 38

1. A Way to Survive _____ Illness (v. 1-5,7-13,21)
 - a. Man's _____ to provide a way
 - i. _____ reflections
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____ prayer
 - b. God's _____ to provide a way
 - i. Via _____ to the heart
 - ii. With a _____ of confirmation
 - iii. Through _____ intervention
2. A Way to Survive an _____ Army (v. 6; Ch. 37)
 - a. Man's _____ to provide a way
 - i. Despite _____ attempts!
 - ii. Despite many and great _____
 - b. God's _____ to provide a way
 - i. According to His _____
 - ii. For His _____ sake (cf 2 Ki 20:6)
3. A Way to Survive _____ Judgment (v. 14-20,22)
 - a. Man's _____ to provide a way
 - i. Lack of _____
 - ii. Lack of _____
 - iii. Lack of _____
 - b. God's _____ to provide a way
 - i. Working through _____
 - ii. Coming with _____
 - iii. Displaying _____

“... if we are faithless, he remains faithful...” (2 Timothy 2:13a)

Sequence of Events

1. Assyria destroys Israel with its capital Samaria – 722 BC
2. Assyria continues military campaign (including Judah)
3. King Hezekiah tries but fails to intervene through alliances, financial tributes, and defensive planning
4. **King Hezekiah acquires mortal illness – 702 BC (Is 38)**
 - **2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chronicles 32:24; Isaiah 38**
 - a. **Isaiah tells Hezekiah his illness is mortal**
 - b. **Hezekiah prays and weeps**
 - c. **Isaiah returns before even leaving the palace to tell Hezekiah he will be given 15 more years**
 - d. **Isaiah also tells Hezekiah he will go up to the house of the LORD on the third day**
 - e. **Isaiah orders a fig remedy for the illness**
 - f. **Hezekiah asks for a sign**
 - g. **Isaiah asks Hezekiah if the shadow should advance or retreat ten steps**
 - h. **Hezekiah chooses “retreat” (it’s harder!)**
 - i. **The shadow retreats 10 steps**
 - j. **The fig remedy is applied to Hezekiah**
 - k. **Hezekiah asks for a sign to confirm that he will go up to the house of the LORD**
 - l. **Hezekiah is healed**
 - m. **Hezekiah writes a psalm about the occasion**
5. Babylonian envoys visit Hezekiah (Isaiah 39)
6. Jerusalem is threatened by Assyrians – 701 BC (Is 36)
7. The Angel of the LORD kills 185,000 Assyrians (Is 37)
8. Manasseh is born in 699 BC & begins reign in 687 BC
9. Babylon destroys Jerusalem; remnant in exile – 586 BC

“But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem.”

(2 Chronicles 32:25)