HEZEKIAH – THE SUFFERER AND SINGER

Part VI
2 Kings 20:1-11

MAIN THOUGHT Good King Hezekiah (729-686 BC), the best king Judah ever had, was a REFORMER, NEGOTIATOR, INTERCESSOR, VICTOR, SUFFERER, SINGER, and BOASTER in his exceptional life.

SUFFERER (1-11; Isa. 38:1-8).

Peril [Isa. 38:1].
• Illness and death are the common affliction of sinful, frail man [Heb. 9:27].
• However, Hezekiah’s illness was both untimely – it was just prior to the Assyrian Invasion [Isa. 38:6] and theologically troublesome – he had no son to fulfill the Davidic Covenant [2 Sam. 7:16].
• He was only 39 years of age [Aged 25 when he became King (2 Kings 18:2) and died 686 BC] at this time in 701 BC!
• We should “put our house in order” by making peace with God [Rom. 5:1].

Prayer [Isa. 38:2-3].
• He prayed privately at the wall of the temple [1 Kings 8:28-30].
• Hezekiah began to grieve, but as one who had hope [1 Thess. 4:13]!

Promise [Isa. 38:4-8, 21-22].
• God does hear our prayers unlike Baal [1 Kings 18:26-29].
• Isaiah, who had not gone far [2 Kings 20:4], delivered God’s response of 15 additional years and protection from Assyria!
• God can and does heal by any means he chooses [Jam. 5:16; Acts 28:8], this time by the prophet Isaiah and medicine – a fig poultice [Acts 28:9].
• Another sign was given [Isa. 37:30] reminiscent of days of Joshua [Josh. 10:13] but unlike the days of Jesus when no sign was given [Mark 8:11-12].

SINGER (Isa. 38:9-22).

• APPRECIATE LIFE [9-12] – He had a new appreciation for life [Psa. 90:12] – coming to the premature end of a journey [tent – John 1:14; 2 Cor. 5:1]; the end of a weaving on a loom – hanging by a thread [Psa. 31:5; Luke 23:46]!


• APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITIES [15-20] – He realized the disease was for his own benefit [Psa. 103:2-5]! He did continue to lead his nation and a son was born, Manasseh, who reigned 55 years, most of which was wicked but in the end he repented [2 Chron 33:12-13]!

His sins were placed behind God’s back [17]; out of reach [Micah 7:19; Psa. 103:12]; out of mind [Jer. 31:34]; out of existence [Isa. 43:25].