

A Heart of Pride Exposed
Forewarning of the Coming Babylonian Captivity

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Isaiah 39

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Memory Verses: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

April Memory Verse: Isaiah 53:8 - By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered that He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of My people, to whom the stroke was due?

OUTLINE OF ISAIAH

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Theme Statement: The LORD God will test the hearts of His people in order to expose the hidden faults and in this case, the sins of pride and complacency. He will also deal appropriately with sin and yet keep His covenant promises to His people.

Hezekiah's Heart - 2 Chronicles 29-31

1. He _____ the doors of the temple and _____ them - 2 Chronicles 29:3
2. He _____ the Levites to cleanse the temple and to perform their ministry - 2 Chronicles 29:4-11
3. He _____ the sacrificial system commanded by the Law - 2 Chronicles 29:20-24
4. He _____ with the people in worship of praise - 2 Chronicles 29:25-36
5. He _____ the people of both Judah and Israel to the Passover Feast in Jerusalem - 2 Chronicles 30:1-12
6. He _____ the Passover - 2 Chronicles 30:13-27
7. He _____ for the people who had not purified themselves - 2 Chronicles 30:18-20
8. He _____ the idols, high places and altars throughout Israel - 2 Chronicles 31:1-2
9. He _____ financial support of the priests - 2 Chronicles 31:3-10
10. He _____ the LORD God with all his heart and prospered - 2 Chronicles 31:20-21

The First Visitor - v. 1-2

1. The first visitors were _____, Merodach-baladan
2. Hezekiah's response: He _____ showed them all his treasures and all his military defenses. There was nothing that he did not show them.

The Second Visitor - v. 3-4

1. The second visitor was _____
2. Hezekiah's response: He _____ explained what he had done but with no apparent sign of _____.

The Third Visitor - v. 5-8

1. The third visitor was the _____
2. The LORD of hosts message was:
 - (1) All your possessions will be carried to Babylon - _____
 - (2) Your descendent sons will be taken away to Babylon - but they will be _____ in the palace of Babylon
3. Hezekiah's response: He _____ proclaimed this message good because it would not happen during his days

Hezekiah's Heart - v. 8

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

J. Alec Mother - "What a wretched response from Hezekiah!...When pride replaces humility, self-satisfaction replaces concern for others, and works replace faith then the smugness instead of tears and prayer, the word proves its obduracy and accomplishes its grim purposes."

Implications

1. Guarding the heart is not just a one-time event nor is it ever a completed event, but it is continuing action throughout life - Luke 10:27; James 4:8
2. When things get better, we need to be vigilant not to step out on our own apart from the LORD God - Psalm 44:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:18
3. Be thankful that the LORD God of hosts does not change and that He has kept His covenant of salvation and does not consume us - Malachi 3:6