

HEZEKIAH'S FOOLISH MISTAKE

Hezekiah, King of Judah, had been sick unto death when Isaiah brought to him a word from the Lord, stating, "Get your house in order; for you will die, and not live." God honored the prayer and tears of Hezekiah, and gave him 15 more years...

2 Kings 20; see also 2 Chronicles 32; Isaiah 38-39

12. At that time Berodachbaladan, (Bero dak bala' dan) the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

Excitedly, Hezekiah invited a government envoy to visit Judah, exactly what the Chaldeanns hoped for. These were actually spies plotting Judah's soon coming destruction.

13. And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and [all] the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

No doubt, as they looked with covetous eyes on all these things, they pondered in their hearts how they might someday have all this wealth for themselves.

14. Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, [even] from Babylon.

15. And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All [the things] that [are] in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

Surely Hezekiah understood the prophecies Isaiah had spoken as to this reserve power in Babylon yet to come to Judah, and be used by the God whom His people had neglected, as a rod to punish them for their willful disobedience!

16. And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD.

17. Behold, the days come, that all that [is] in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.

18. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

All this was fulfilled more than 100 (estimated) years later, when Nebuchadnezzar conquered Judah, and carried away their chief men as captives to Babylon, including a large number who were of the blood royal, as well as the very treasures, and more, previously shown them years ago by Hezekiah himself. (2 Chronicles 36:18)

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