

Isaiah 39

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See 2Kings-20:9 (A second witness to this chapter)

39 At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. (Merodachbaladan = son of a Baal worshipper)

(Did Merodachbaladan have ulterior motives? Probably. It was known throughout the region that God blessed Judah. He was probably sending spies to scope out Judah's wealth and its military capabilities)

²And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them 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. (Hezekiah, still the fool, showed his riches to the enemy, who was pretending to be his friend. He condemned Judah to be invaded, years later, after Babylon became powerful)

³Then 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 unto me, even from Babylon. (Isaiah is asking – Who is this guy? Why is he here? And what did you show him?)

⁴Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them. (What an idiot. He showed off all his treasures and riches to a perfect stranger from a heathen country; which came to visit him)

⁵Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:

⁶Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. (God doesn't appreciate a fool who can't even protect his own house)

(Nebuchadnezzar came, years later, and took all that Judah had. He put the people into captivity for 70 years. Judah never recovered as a country after that)

⁷And 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. (The people of Judah will be taken captive. They will become servants to Babylon)

⁸Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days. (Hezekiah <the fool> only cared that his days would be peaceful. He was selfish to the nth degree. He was not concerned about the future generations who will be defeated by Babylon, because of what he just did)