



# II Kings

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Hezekiah's illness and healing 2 Kings 20:1-11; 2 Chronicles 32:24-26; Isaiah 38:1-21

- God's initial message to Hezekiah is that he would die from this illness in a short time.
- Hezekiah responded by praying for God's favor and expressing great grief.
- God sent Isaiah back with the message that he would recover.

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- God sent Isaiah back with the message that he would recover.
  - He would live another 15 years.
  - Jerusalem would be safe.
  - Hezekiah would be well enough to go to the temple to worship in three days.

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- God sent Isaiah back with the message that he would recover.
  - The shadow would back up ten steps on the sun dial made by Hezekiah's father Ahaz.
  - Isaiah prescribed a fig poultice to be applied to the infected area. (Cutaneous anthrax?)

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- Hezekiah wrote an account of his illness.
  - In the light of the first message, he lamented the brevity of his life
  - He recounted his suffering

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- Hezekiah wrote an account of his illness.
  - He had a glimmer of hope in God's intervention but realized that God had brought this illness on him.
  - He cried out to God for health and life.

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- Hezekiah wrote an account of his illness.
  - He acknowledged that this came about for his benefit.
  - He recognized God's love and forgiveness.
  - He desired to stay in the land of the living in order to offer praises to God.

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Lessons

- *God will bring adversity into our lives to get our attention.*
- *Never hesitate to make your plea before the Lord.*

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Lessons

- *Grief that leads to wholeness*
  - *Honestly face and assess your situation.*
  - *Lament: Appropriately express what you are experiencing to God and people.*
  - *Acknowledge the activity of God.*
  - *Realize that our perspective of reality is limited.*
  - *Look to God as your source of hope.*
  - *Practice the discipline of thanksgiving and praise to God.*

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