

**“Man Not Messiah”**  
**Isaiah 38**

A parallel passages are **2 Kings 20:1-11** and **2 Chronicles 32:24-31**. This event happens before the Assyrian siege of chapter 36-37. Verses 21-22 are part of the narrative and appear to be out of order. The chapters are not set chronologically in order for the book to flow more thematically. The first half of Isaiah is about current and long future Judgment with Assyria as the main threat. In the second half Babylon and the Messianic Savior is the focus.

**Pride or Prayer V. 1-8, 21-22**

“In Those Days” V. 1 & 6 – This event was right before the Assyrian siege when Hezekiah was trying to defend the country himself. The illness could have been boils, lesions, tumors maybe even leprosy on the verge of death at 39. **2 Kings 18:1-2**  
“Turned his Face” – In humbleness, shame and repentance Hezekiah turned toward the wall to hide his face and cry out to God. Part of his bitterness maybe that Manasseh was not yet born so this was the end of Davidic line. **2 Kings 21:1**  
“Whole Heart” – Hezekiah quoted scripture and was calling to remembrance the covenants God had made with Abraham and David. **Genesis 17:1-8, Psalm 34:11-14**  
“Choose a Sign” – Hezekiah’s choice is documented in 2 Kings 20:1-11. Hezekiah’s father Ahaz also had a choice in signs but refused out of his own pride. **Isaiah 7:10-12**  
“The Steps of Ahaz” – A timepiece in the courtyard built by King Ahaz to tell time as the shadow from the sun fell across the steps. Egyptian in design.

**Hezekiah’s Lament V. 9-20**

Life V. 10-15 – Hezekiah comes to new revelations about life. Death may come even in the prime of life. The meaning of life on earth is to worship God and fellowship with others. Life is as temporary as a tent or blanket cut from the loom. Life is in God’s hands so walk with God. **Romans 8:12-17**

Devotion V. 16-17 – Since you have rescued me I will live the rest of my life in devotion to You. **Psalm 103**

Blessing V. 18-19 – The blessing of life is to praise God and pass on that legacy to others. **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Vow V. 20 – The words used indicate a vow to God to praise Him all the days of his life. **Jonah 2**

**Application**

### **Discussion Questions**

What obstacles hinder you in a life wholeheartedly lived for God?

How has God blessed your devotion?

How can you fulfill the vow made to God?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 39***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**Ask yourself every eight seconds this week, "Am I living this moment wholeheartedly for God?"**