

## ***“The Babylonian Test”*** ***Isaiah 39***

### **The Guests V. 1-2**

“At that time” – This is after the recovery from illness but still before the Assyrian invasion. Parallel passages ***2 Kings 20:12-21***

“Merodach-Baladan” – was self proclaimed king of Babylon two different times and hated Assyria especially King Sennacherib. At the time of this visit he was in exile living in Elam gathering anti-Assyrian support.

“Welcomed” – Hezekiah was flattered by the envoys letters, gifts, and concern.

### ***Romans 16:17-20***

“His” – Hezekiah then falls to prideful temptation and shows them EVERYTHING! Instead of Glorifying God he basked in his own pride and failed the test.

### ***2 Chronicles 32:27-31***

### **The Confession V. 3-4**

Isaiah comes before Hezekiah and questions him on who the envoys were and what they had seen. Hezekiah by now knows that there is a problem but openly tells Isaiah the whole truth. ***2 Kings 5:20-27***

“Confess” – To agree with the truth. ***James 5:16***

Two people we are to confess to, Those we have directly offended and those who can edify and hold us accountable.

### **The Consequence V. 5-7**

God tells Hezekiah that the consequences are that all they saw will be theirs one day and that Hezekiah’s decedents will be taken captive to serve Babylon. ***Daniel 1:1-4***

### **The Relief V. 8**

Hezekiah is relieved and hears the consequences as good. First, that his reign is secure, he will live 15 more years and Jerusalem will not fall until after his death. Secondly, that he will not have to pay the consequences, his decedents will.

### **Application**

- Trust in God is a way of life not a one time event to get out of a crisis.  
***Proverbs 3:1-12***
- Salvation is not in human form but comes from God alone. ***John 14:1-7***

### **Discussion Questions**

What pit of flattery have you fallen into before?

How can you make trust in God a lifestyle instead of a rescue from events?

In what ways can you nurture hope in God rather than relying on human hope?

### **Homework**

**Read *Isaiah Ch. 40***

**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.

**Make a short list of those you need to confess to and do it. Here are 3 helpful questions.**

**What am I responsible for?**

**Whom have I directly offended?**

**Who can hold me accountable in this?**