

## Isaiah 39:1-8 **Envoy from Babylon – Hezekiah Showed Them Everything**

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<sup>2</sup> And Hezekiah was pleased with them, and showed them the house of his treasures — the silver and gold, the spices and precious ointment, and all his armory — all that was found among his treasures. There was nothing in his house or in all his dominion that Hezekiah did not show them.

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<sup>4</sup> And he said, "What have they seen in your house?"

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<sup>5</sup> Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: <sup>6</sup> Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and what your fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left," says the Lord. <sup>7</sup> "And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from you, whom you will beget; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

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✧ When people come as comforters or to show compassion bearing gifts, it is difficult to know the outcome of the visit in the future, especially when we tend to pridefully show off all the Lord has blessed us with.

✧ It all looked innocent and Hezekiah was in high spirits.

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- ✧ Isaiah questioned Hezekiah about the visitors, then told Hezekiah the coming cost of his sharing of his wealth and treasures, will be when Babylon carries them off to Babylon.
- ✧ Hezekiah accepted the warning since there would be peace in his days.
- ✧ We too often view the consequences of our actions too lightly by considering only our own hope instead of that of our descendants.
- ✧ To every action there truly is a reaction.