

The danger in God's blessings

2 Kings 20 (p. 310)

I. HEZEKIAH WAS GIVEN ADDITIONAL YEARS OF LIFE AND RECEIVED A MIRACULOUS SIGN (2 KINGS 20:1-11).

- A. After God said Hezekiah would die of his illness, Hezekiah prayed earnestly for more life (20:1-3).
- B. God answered his prayer with a promise of 15 more years and victory over Assyria (20:4-7).
- C. Hezekiah asked God for a sign he would be healed and God made the shadow of the sun go backwards (20:8-11).
 - Hezekiah's faith - Prayed boldly, believed in God's power

[HEZEKIAH MIRACULOUSLY DELIVERED FROM ASSYRIA – 185K ASSYRIANS DIE – 2 KINGS 18-19]

II. HEZEKIAH PRIDEFULLY SHOWED OFF HIS WEALTH TO THE VISITING BABYLONIANS (2 KINGS 20:12-21).

- A. When Babylonians brought Hezekiah a gift after his healing, he showed off his wealth to them (20:12-13).
- B. Isaiah rebuked Hezekiah for his pride stating Babylon would someday take those riches and his children (20:14-18).
 - Hezekiah became very wealthy and famous after God's victory over the Assyrians (2 Chronicles 32:22-23, 27-29).
 - Hezekiah became proud when healed (2 Chron. 32:24-25).
 - Hezekiah repented of his pride and God delayed His judgment on Hezekiah and Judah (2 Chronicles 32:26).
- C. Hezekiah submitted to God's will, grateful God would delay His judgment (20:19; 2 Chronicles 32:26).
- D. Hezekiah had notable success and died with honor (20:20-21; 2 Chronicles 32:32-33).