

Kings of Judah in the days of Isaiah

Uzziah	Jotham	Ahaz	Hezekiah
791-739 BC	750-731 BC	743-715 BC	728-686 BC
2 Kings 14:21-22; 15:1-7 2 Chronicles 26	2 Kings 15:32-38 2 Chronicles 27	2 Kings 16 2 Chronicles 28	2 Kings 18-20 2 Chronicles 29-32
$24^* + 16 + 12 = 52$	$12 - 4 + 12 = 16$	$12 + 3 + 13 = 28$	$13 + 18 + 11^{**} = 42$

Spiritual condition of Israel

approved by God	approved by God	disapproved by God	approved by God
tolerated the high places	spiritual decline	great evil	reformation & revival
————— Isaiah’s ministry —————			

Foreign Affairs

Golden age - Israel/Judah Military power	Conspiracy by Syria and Ephraim	Assyrian threat
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* Amaziah – 29 years – He did what was right, “yet not with a whole heart” (2 Chronicles 25:2)

** Manasseh – 55 years – more evil than the Canaanites (2 Chronicles 33:9)

Assyria under Sennacherib

705-681 BC

- ▶ Sennacherib v. Babylon
- ▶ Hezekiah's preparations
 - fortified cities
 - Water tunnel
 - Alliance with Egypt and others
- ▶ Palestine campaign
 - Hezekiah paid tribute
 - Sennacherib threatens
 - Hezekiah sought Isaiah
 - Isaiah's prophecy
 - Sennacherib sent letter
 - Hezekiah's prayer
 - Isaiah's prophecy
 - Sennacherib sent army
 - Army destroyed
 - Sennacherib returned to Nineveh
- ▶ Sennacherib killed by his sons

Isaiah 36 – Assyrian threat

- ▶ The prophetic word:
 - Isaiah 8:3-8; 10; 14:24-27; 31; 33
 - ▶ The great king and the LORD God
 - ▶ Whom do you trust?
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Isaiah 37 – Divine deliverance

- ▶ Hezekiah seeks Isaiah
 - Isaiah's prophecy
- ▶ The threatening letter
 - Hezekiah's prayer
 - Isaiah's prophecy
- ▶ The deliverance

Isaiah 38 – Hezekiah’s life extended

- ▶ Hezekiah’s prayer
 - ▶ Divine deliverance
 - the sundial
 - the healing
 - ▶ Hezekiah’s prayer
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Isaiah 39 – Hezekiah’s hospitality

- ▶ The Babylonian envoys
- ▶ Hezekiah’s welcome
- ▶ Isaiah’s prophecy
- ▶ Hezekiah’s response