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- **Verse 12.** “At that time Berodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.
- **Verse 13.** “And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah shewed them not.

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**Verse 14.** “Then came Isaiah the prophet unto King Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? And from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon.

**Verse 15.** “And he said, **What have they seen in thine house?** And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

**Verse 16.** “And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, **Hear the word of the Lord.**

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**Verse 17.** “Behold the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the Lord.

**Verse 18.** “And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

**Note:** Isaiah 39:1-7 are parallel references to 2 Kings 20:12-18.

## Background of the Text:

- Hezekiah, son of Ahaz, made king over Judah, 2 Kings 18:1; 2 Chronicles 29:1.
  - Ahaz, a wicked man, 2 Chronicles 28:1-4.
    - Therefore the Lord delivered him into the hand of the king of Assyria, 2 Chronicles 28:5
  - Hezekiah, notwithstanding his family background, was a good king, 2 Kings 18:3-5.
  - He was Judah’s 13<sup>th</sup> King; 25 years old when he began to reign, reigned 29 year in Jerusalem, 2 Kings 18:2.

## Hezekiah Reigned

During Turbulent Times!

- Especially due to the dangers posed by the King of Assyria.
  - All Israel taken captive, 2 Kings 18:10-11.
  - King of Assyria took all the “fenced cities of Judah” (2 Kings 18:13) and threatened to destroy Jerusalem.
  - But Hezekiah asked Isaiah to pray, and God “heard” his prayers, 2 Kings 19:35.

**Others Facts of Interest:**

- A great engineering feat, 2 Chronicles 32:30.
- God informed Hezekiah that he would die and not live, 2 Kings 20:1; Isaiah 38:5. **He prayed fervently, and God answered!** 2 Kings 20:2-11.
- God blessed Hezekiah abundantly, 2 Chronicles 32:27
- The King of Babylon sent an envoy to Hezekiah, and Hezekiah showed them all that was in his house, 2 Kings 20:12-18.
- Isaiah gave some sad news to Hezekiah, 2 Kings 20:18; Isaiah 39:7.

**Observe:**

- Hezekiah started out as a good king, but blessings from God, success, and prosperity took their toll on him, 2 Chronicles 32:24-26.
- His prayers for a longer life were granted. During the last 15 years Manasseh was born, and he became a very evil king, 2 Kings 21:2,6,16.
  - Because of Manasseh's influence, God brought evil upon the nation, 2 Kings 21:11-12.
  - To his credit, Manasseh later humbled himself before God, 2 Chronicles 33:11-13.

**Application:**

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**What Should Be Seen?**

- **A Husband Who is the head of the wife**, Ephesians 5:23. And who loves his wife as Christ loved the church, Ephesians 5:25.
- **A wife who is submissive to her husband**, Ephesians 5:24, **and who respects him**, Ephesians 5:33
- **Parents who rear their children according to the will of God**, Ephesians 6:4.
  - This includes instruction in the things of God, and proper discipline!

**What Should Be Seen? (continued)**

- **Children who obey and honor their parents**, Ephesians 6:1-3.
- **A family with a good work ethic**, 2 Thessalonians 3:20; Proverbs 6:6-8.
- **A family whose members pray, study their Bible, worship God with regularity and serve Him faithfully**, 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Timothy 2:15; John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 15:58.
- **A Family where God reigns supreme!** Matthew 6:33

**What Others See is Important!**

**God Sees Everything!**

- **He knows our thoughts**, 1 Corinthians 3:10.
  - Wicked thoughts contributed to the flood being brought upon the earth, Genesis 6:5.
  - Sin can be committed in the mind, Matthew 5:28.
- **He knows when we think too highly of ourselves**, Romans 12:3.
- **He is aware of our words**, Matthew 12:36.
- **He will bring everything into the judgment**, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14.

**What Have Our Children Seen in our House?**

- They learn early in life what our priorities are!
- They are quick to discern hypocrisy!
- What do children think of their parent's priorities when parents require them to do their homework at school, but don't make the same requirements for their Bible Class assignments?

**What Do **Others** See In Our House?**

- Do they see reading material that should not be there?
- Do they see a family whose priorities are out of order?
- Or do they see a family that loves God, loves one another, cares for one another, and which shines as lights in the world, Philippians 2:15?

**A Sad Fact:**

**Today's World is Spinning out of Control!**

- We deplore the immorality of many of our nation's leaders. Proverbs 14:32; 29:2.
- We deplore the decisions of some of the courts of the land.
  - Legalizing abortion. 56,405,766 legal abortions in America from 1973 to 2013! cf. 2 Kings 21:16.
  - Legalizing "same sex marriage," Matthew 19:3-5!
- Calling evil good and good evil, Isaiah 5:20.

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- Curriculum in schools largely influenced by the philosophy of Secular Humanism.
- The entertainment industry largely seems to be amoral! "Anything goes!"
- Many churches in America are preaching everything **except** the gospel of Jesus Christ!
- But of gravest concern in our land should be the **break-down of Home and Family!**

**Conclusion:**

- The world, for the most part, needs changing.
- The place to begin is the family – in your family and in my family!
- **"What have they seen in your house?"**
- **"You"** are a part of your house (family); Are **you** prepared to meet God? Amos 4:12.