



## King Hezekiah: Addendum 2 KINGS 20:1-21

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*Q: When did these events take place?*

- just prior to Assyria's invasion of Judah recorded in 2 Kings 18-19

### 2 Kings 20:1-21

*Q: Why are these events recorded here?*

- to prepare us for the inevitable judgment of Jerusalem by Babylon; *not even Hezekiah can prevent it*

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*Q: How are these two events connected?*

- both Hezekiah and Jerusalem are granted a temporary extension of life

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*Extension of life in the face of impending death*

### Extension of Life

#### 1. Hezekiah's Healing

- his David-like prayer for deliverance displays his trust in Yahweh
- his healing and extension of life is bound up with continued "life" for Jerusalem
- he chooses the "sign" that will mostly clearly reveal Yahweh's power to deliver

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### 2. Babylon's Visitors

- their visit is what elicits the Lord's prophecy of Jerusalem's future exile to Babylon
- Hezekiah response is a recognition of the Lord's mercy and restraint – His judgment is delayed, but not canceled

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### ➤ *Implications*

1. God's present delay of judgment is due to His patience and mercy (cf. 2 Peter 3:8-13)
2. We have a perfect Davidic King who reigns and will never die – King Jesus