Lesson 12: Hezekiah & Isaiah
Read: 2 Kings 18-20, 2 Chronicles 29-31, Isaiah 1,5-6, 8

WHEN?
The history of the divided kingdom has been divided into the time periods of different oppressors. Circle the prophets in this lesson & mark the decades of their activities using the timelines in the reference section/back cover.

WHY?
In this lesson we look at King Hezekiah and Isaiah. The book of Isaiah preserves his divinely inspired prophecies over more than fifty years. "The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah" It started in about 740 BC and ended in about 680 BC. He has at least two sons with symbolic names, "A Remnant Will Return" and "Speeding to the Plunder, Hurrying to the Spoil" (Shear-jashub and Maher-shalal-hash-baz, 7:3; 8:3). When Isaiah began his ministry in about 740 BC Israel was at a crisis point in its history. Assyria was well on its way to becoming the dominant force in the ancient Near East. Both northern and southern kingdoms were tempted to form political alliances either with or against Assyria. Meanwhile, both Israel and Judah were suffering the devastating fruits of religious and moral compromise. God commissioned Isaiah to call Israel and Judah to repent of their sins and unbelief and to trust him alone for both personal salvation and national deliverance. 12:2 summarizes this overall theme: “See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid.” In 1–35 Isaiah spoke to a nation awaiting God’s judgment, which would come in 722 (during Isaiah’s ministry) for the northern kingdom and in 586 (100 years after Isaiah’s time) for the southern kingdom. He assured both kingdoms that, though judgment would surely come, God would deliver the faithful “remnant” of his people. In 36–39 Isaiah cited the contemporary example of King Hezekiah, who trusted God and saw his kingdom miraculously delivered from Assyria in 701. In 40–66 Isaiah shifted his focus to after the fall, speaking words of comfort and hope to the Jews who would be exiled to Babylon. He predicted their return from exile and revealed more fully the coming Messiah.
Outline - Isaiah

I Prophecies of Condemnation (1:1–35:10)
   a. Against Judah (1:1-12:6)
   b. Against other nations (13:1-23:18)

II Hezekiah’s Life (36:1–39:8)
   a. Deliverance from Assyria (36:1-37:38)
   b. Deliverance from Sickness (38:1-22)
   c. Sin (39:1-8)

III Prophecies of Comfort (40:1–66:24)
   a. Israel’s Deliverance (40:1-48:22)
   b. Israel’s Deliverer (49:1-57:21)

Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)
18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
    though your sins are like scarlet,
    they shall be as white as snow;
    though they are red like crimson,
    they shall become like wool.

List Your Favorite Verse/s
For first 39 chapters

Have you tried to tell someone to stop doing wrong? How could looking at Isaiah helped?
King Hezekiah

2 Chr 29:1 - Hezekiah comes to the throne & in his first year reopens the Temple.
2 Chr 29:8 Because Ahaz and the people had worshipped idols the wrath of God had come down on Judah and Jerusalem.
2 Chr 29:10 In heart of Hezekiah to make a covenant with the Lord.
2 Chr 29:14-19 Priest consecrate themselves and the Temple.
2 Chr 29:20-21 Worship restored in the Temple
2 Chr 29:30 Hezekiah command singers to sing praises and gladness. Book 3 of Psalms is thought to have been composed in days of Hezekiah & Josiah.
2 Chr 29:31-36 People consecrated.
2 Chr 30:1-23 Passover celebrated by Judah and people of Israel.
2 Chr 30:23 Whole assembly decide to keep the feast for another 7 days.
2 Chr 30:26 Nothing like it since the days of Solomon
2 Chr 31:1 People break pillars & cut down Asherim
2 Chr 31:4-12 People tithes produces haaps of stuff in Temple
2 Chr 31:12-21 Hezekiah organizes priest

2 Kgs 20:1 Hezekiah is sick & at point of death
2 Kgs 20:2-3 Hezekiah prays to the Lord
2 Kgs 20:8 Hezekiah ask what sign will the Lord give of this promise
2 Kgs 20:12 Babylon sends envoys to Hezekiah
2 Kgs 20:13 Hezekiah shows them all his treasures
2 Kgs Hezekiah ok with Lord's words because it will not happen in his days

2 Kgs 20:1 Set your house in order
2 Kgs 20:4-6 Tells Hezekiah the Lord has heard his prayer and will give him 15 more years.
2 Kgs 20:9-10 Shadow of the sun clock will go back 10 steps

2 Kgs 20:16-17 Isaiah prophecies that all of your house will belong to the Babylonians
2 Kgs 20:18 Some of Hezekiah's sons will be taken to Babylon
King Hezekiah  

Who did Hezekiah attack? 2 Kings 18:13?

What did Sennacherib demand? 2 Kings 18:14?

Who did Sennacherib send on to Jerusalem from Lachish? 2 Kings 18:16-17?

Rhabshakeh

What did he ask Hezekiah? 2 Kings 18:20

What did he say Hezekiah was leaning on? 2 Kings 18:21-24

2 Kings 18:22-25

How did Rabshakeh think Hezekiah was deceiving people? 2 Kings 18:29-33?

What happened when Rabshakeh returned to Sennacherib? 2 Kings 19:9?

What happened to Sennacherib? 2 Kings 19:8, 35-36?

How did Hezekiah respond to Rabshakeh?

2 Kings 19:1

2 Kings 19:2

2 Kings 19:3-4

What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah? (2 Kings 19:6-7)?

Where did Hezekiah take Sennacherib’s letter? 2 Kings 19:32-34?

What request did Hezekiah make of the Lord? 2 Kings 19:19?

What did the Lord say about Jerusalem? 2 Kings 19:32-34?

How did the Lord fulfill His promise? 2 Kings 19:35-37?

Sennacherib attacked what cities? 2 Kings 18:13?

What did Sennacherib demand? 2 Kings 18:14?

Who did Sennacherib send on to Jerusalem from Lachish? 2 Kings 18:16-17?

2 Kings 18:16-17 (ESV)

16 At that time Hezekiah stripped the gold... and gave it to the king of Assyria. 17 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh with a great army from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem...

2 Kings 18:16-17 (HCSB)

16 At that time Hezekiah stripped the gold... and gave it to the king of Assyria. 17 Then the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh, along with a massive army, from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem...

NKJV has "Then" but with a break between 16 & 17

2 Kings 18:16-17 (ASV)

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold... and gave it to the king of Assyria. 17 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a great army unto Jerusalem.

How did Hezekiah respond to Rabshakeh?