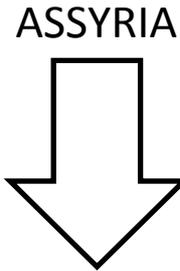
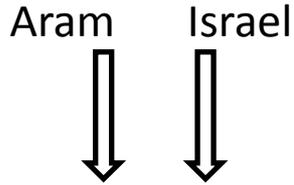


Hezekiah and the Babylonians

Isaiah 38-39, 7, 9



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Whom did Ahaz trust?

- Self-reliance: ability to negotiate.
- Made a treaty with King of Assyria to help him out. Isaiah told him that the one he trusted to help him would hurt him.

Whom did Hezekiah trust?

- Self-reliance: build a wall, a tunnel.
- Turned to Egypt for help and then paid off the king of Assyria when he was invaded. Isaiah told him to trust in the Lord.

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- No.

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- Yes! God miraculously delivered him from the Assyrian army. 185,000 soldiers were killed and the King of Assyria went home.

Test #2—

Flattery from the Babylonians

He didn't see it coming. It was a test from God to see what was really in his heart. He took credit in front of them for all that he had and the victory over Assyria. He did not give thanks to God or give Him credit.

What was God's HOPE for them?



A CHILD!

Isaiah 7:10-14

*The virgin will bear a son:
"Immanuel"=God with us.*

In their darkest trouble that was coming upon them, their hope was not that God would spare them from it but would come to them, be with them, and go through what they went through.

Isaiah 9:1-7

He treated the land of Zebulun and Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea...Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. These areas were hardest hit by the Assyrians and economically destroyed.

Zebulun=where Nazareth was on highway
Naphtali=where Capernaum was on highway

A child will be born to us, a SON will be given to us and the government will rest upon his shoulders: And his name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.