

Hezekiah Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Is it possible that Hezekiah's reforms as king were influenced by his father's sacrifice of his brothers to Baal?

Might it be similar to a young person today becoming pro-life after finding out that their mother had several abortions?

Is there likely to have been opposition to a reforming king by the pagan priests?

What are the implications of the fact that the LORD approved having the Passover a month late and lasting a week longer than normal?

When Hezekiah reassured the people that they were backed by a greater power than Assyria, might there have been critics and discontents among the people?

How did Sennacherib "make Hezekiah's day"?

What was the focus of Hezekiah's request to the LORD?

Why did he repent and humble himself?

How were the words of the prophet Isaiah helpful?

After 185,000 soldiers dropped dead, do you think the word may have gotten around, "Don't mess with the God of Israel"?

How is this like David's challenge to Goliath in the name of the LORD.

Why do you think the LORD allowed Hezekiah to have a potentially fatal illness?

When Hezekiah pled for his life, he emphasized his faithful service. Is that a valid reason to make a request of God?

Some people who believe that the LORD always heals those with enough faith contend that it is a wrong to pray, "If it is your will, heal me." What do you think?

Might Hezekiah have thought that his life could coast from that time on?

Is it possible to live a long righteous life and then fall?

Does that make a difference in the way we live?

Is humility before the LORD always essential? Why?