

Hezekiah's Illness in Isaiah 38 vs. 2 Kings 20

2 Kings 20:3-11	
Fatal illness, promise of healing and deliverance (20:1-6)	³ “Now, O LORD, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.
	⁴ And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him:
	⁵ “Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears.
	Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD
	⁶ and I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.”
Healing account: “figs” (20:7)	⁷ And Isaiah said, “Bring a cake of figs. And let them take and lay it on the boil, that he may recover.”
Request for a sign (20:8)	⁸ And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD on the third day?”
Offering of a sign (20:9-11)	⁹ And Isaiah said, “This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has promised: shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?”
	¹⁰ And Hezekiah answered, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to lengthen ten steps. Rather let the shadow go back ten steps.”
	¹¹ And Isaiah the prophet called to the LORD, and he brought the shadow back ten steps, by which it had gone down on the steps of Ahaz.
(missing poem)	

Isaiah 38:3-22	
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Behold,	
I will add fifteen years to your life. ⁶ I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and will defend this city.	
⁷ “This shall be the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he has promised: ⁸ Behold, I will make the shadow cast by the declining sun on the dial of Ahaz turn back ten steps.”	Offering of a sign (38:7-8)
So the sun turned back on the dial the ten steps by which it had declined.	
⁹ A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness:	Poem (38:9-20)
[HEZEKIAH’S POEM] (38:10-20) ... ²⁰ The Lord will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord.	
²¹ Now Isaiah had said, “Let them take a cake of figs and apply it to the boil, that he may recover.”	
²² Hezekiah also had said, “What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?”	Request for a sign (38:22)