

¹At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.²And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.³Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon.⁴Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.⁵Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts:⁶Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.⁷And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.⁸Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

¹فِي ذَلِكَ الزَّمَانِ أَرْسَلَ مَرْوَدُحُ بِلَادَانَ بْنِ بِلَادَانَ مَلِكُ
بَابِلَ رِسَالِ وَهْدِيَّةً إِلَى حَزَقِيَّا، لِأَنَّهُ سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ مَرِضٌ ثُمَّ
صَحَّ.²فَفَرِحَ بِهِمْ حَزَقِيَّا وَأَرَاهُمْ بَيْتَ دَخَائِرِهِ، الْفِصَّةَ
وَالذَّهَبَ وَالْأَطْيَابَ وَالزَّيْتِ الطَّيِّبَ وَكُلَّ بَيْتِ أَسْلِحَتِهِ
وَكُلَّ مَا وَجَدَ فِي خَزَائِنِهِ. لَمْ يَكُنْ شَيْءٌ لَمْ يُرَهُمْ إِلَّاهُ
حَزَقِيَّا فِي بَيْتِهِ وَفِي كُلِّ مَلِكِهِ.³فَجَاءَ إِسْعِيَاءُ النَّبِيُّ إِلَى
الْمَلِكِ حَزَقِيَّا وَسَأَلَهُ، مَاذَا قَالَ هَؤُلَاءِ الرِّجَالُ، وَمِنْ أَيْنَ
جَاءُوا إِلَيْكَ. فَقَالَ حَزَقِيَّا، جَاءُوا إِلَيَّ مِنْ أَرْضِ بَعِيدَةٍ،
مِنْ بَابِلَ.⁴فَسَأَلَ، مَاذَا رَأَوْا فِي بَيْتِكَ. فَقَالَ حَزَقِيَّا، رَأَوْا
كُلَّ مَا فِي بَيْتِي. لَيْسَ فِي خَزَائِنِي شَيْءٌ لَمْ أُرَهُمْ
إِلَّاهُ.⁵فَقَالَ إِسْعِيَاءُ لِحَزَقِيَّا، اسْمَعْ قَوْلَ رَبِّ الْجُنُودِ، هُوَذَا
تَأْتِي أَيَّامٌ يُحْمَلُ فِيهَا كُلُّ مَا فِي بَيْتِكَ وَمَا خَزَنَةُ أَبَاؤِكَ
إِلَى هَذَا الْيَوْمِ إِلَى بَابِلَ. لَا يَبْرُكُ شَيْءٌ يَقُولُ
الرَّبُّ.⁷وَمِنْ بَنِيكَ الَّذِينَ يَخْرُجُونَ مِنْكَ الَّذِينَ تَلِدُهُمْ
يَأْخُذُونَ، فَيَكُونُونَ خَصِيَانًا فِي قِصْرِ مَلِكِ بَابِلَ.⁸فَقَالَ
حَزَقِيَّا لِإِسْعِيَاءَ، جَيِّدٌ هُوَ قَوْلُ الرَّبِّ الَّذِي تَكَلَّمْتُ بِهِ.
وَقَالَ، فَإِنَّهُ يَكُونُ سَلَامٌ وَأَمَانٌ فِي أَيَّامِي.