

# Isaiah's Reality

WEEK 5

## Week 5 Handout

**Please read the following passages with your team and have them fill in the blanks:**

2 Kings 20 (Hezekiah's Illness and Recovery)

2 Kings 21 (Manasseh Reigns in Judah)

Hezekiah became terminally ill. God told him, through prophet Isaiah, that he was going to die and to get his affairs in order. As Hezekiah wept bitterly and began to pray requesting long life to the Lord, Isaiah came back and said to Hezekiah that the Lord will grant your request for 15 more years.

When God granted Hezekiah another 15 years, his son Manasseh wasn't born yet. When Hezekiah died, his son took reign when he was 12 years of age. Manasseh did what was evil in the Lord's sight, including idol worship. He rebuilt the high places that his father, Hezekiah, took down and built altars in the Lord's temple. Because of his continued sin, God brought disaster on Jerusalem and Judah in great detail.

Manasseh died and his son Amon took his place. Amon did what was evil just like his father had done. Amon's servants killed him but the common people killed the servants who killed Amon. In the end, Amon's son, Josiah, took kingship.