

BIBLICAL PATH TO RECOVERY

2 Kings 19:29-31

v29) Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Here is the proof that what I say is true: “This year you will eat what grows by itself, and next year you will eat what springs up from that. But in the third year you will plant crops and harvest them; you will tend vineyards and eat their fruit. V30) And you who are left in Judah, who have escaped the ravages of the siege (remnants), will put roots down in your own soil and will grow up and flourish. V31) For a remnant of my people will spread out of Jerusalem, a group of survivors from Mount Zion. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies will make this happen.”

Our text indicates that there are four things that we need to remember about recovery.

1. RECOVERY CAN HAPPEN.

(2 Kings 18:1-7) Hezekiah was 25 years old when he became king of Judah. He reigned in Jerusalem for 29 years. Hezekiah was a good reformer. He did what so many Judah’s king failed to do. He followed the footsteps of his ancestor David had done. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He removed the worship of pagan gods. He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. He held fast to the Lord and did not stop following Him; he kept the commands the Lord had given to Moses (2 Chron 31:20-21).

2 Kings 19:20-28 Isaiah prophesied that King Sennacherib would not succeed. But, rather he would fall in the hands of the Living God.

2. Recovery is a process. GOD PROMISED THAT THEIR COMMUNITY WILL RISE AGAIN but they have to go through the first and the second year recovery process.

Just as when the people of Jerusalem would not be able to eat the produce of their land for two years because they have not been able to plant crops outside the city walls due to heavy presence of the Assyrian armies, God promised that He would feed them for two years by causing the seed that have been sown naturally to grow up and be the adequate supply of food.

3. V19 – RECOVERY TAKES TIME –According to Isaiah’s prophecy, it will take several years for Judah to recover from Sennacherib’s invasion (2 Kings 18:13) BUT, in the third year, sow and reap... IT WILL SURELY HAPPEN in the third year it will be well again
4. (v31) God extended his divine recovery plan to all. Recovery is our inheritance.

In 1 Peter 2:6, Peter refers to Christ as the cornerstone of Zion: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen, and precious cornerstone, **and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.**”

The Messiah has come, giving eternal hope to everyone who believes. Weeping may last for a night but rejoicing comes in the morning. “*the zeal of the lord will accomplish this, says the Lord your God!*” *We can rest in the Lord and in the might of his power!*