**Read Psalms 120, 121 & 122**

Look for themes in each Psalm. What is the key message(s) of each Psalm?

120 – distress, oppressed by deceitful and lying lips

121 – trust in God, results in deliverance from God, repetition of preservation in v7-8

122 – peace and prosperity of Jerusalem following salvation

Do these themes form a sequence through the three Psalms?

Distress, trust, salvation

Can you link these themes to Hezekiah’s life?

Distress – sickness, and siege from Assyrians

Trust – prayed to and trusted in God

Salvation – God destroyed the Assyrian army, and healed his sickness

Can you find specific verses or ideas that link to Hezekiah’s life? (i.e. illness, siege, deliverance, trust in God, Passover, unity)

Psa 120

V1 – Distress of Hezekiah

V2 – Rabshakeh’s lying lips

V4 – judgement of God

V7 – Assyrians came for war

Psa 121

V1-2 – saved by God

V5 – God protecting Jerusalem

V5 – shade signifying healing

V7-8 – preservation is repeated

Psa 122

V1 – go to house of the LORD, with joy at passover

V3 – Jerusalem builded

V4 – tribes go up to the LORD

V5 – throne of David

Psalm 121:1 mentions that ‘help comes from the hills’ – looking at Psalm 125:2 and 2 Kings 6:17, what do you think this describes?

Psa 121v1 – help comes from hills

Psa 125v2 – LORD is round about his people, as the hills about Jerusalem

2 Kings 6v17 – the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire

What does this teach us about Hezekiah, and what lessons can we take?

**Read Psalms 123, 124 & 125**

Look for themes in each Psalm. What is the key message(s) of each Psalm?

Psa 123 – contempt and scorning, but still trust in God

Psa 124 – God is on our side

Psa 125 – peace and protection of Jerusalem

Do these themes form a sequence through the three Psalms?

Contempt and scorning, trust in God, protection

Can you link these themes to Hezekiah’s life?

Contempt and scorning of Rabshakeh

Prayer of Hezekiah for deliverance

Jerusalem delivered and protected

Can you find specific verses or ideas that link to Hezekiah’s life? (i.e. illness, siege, deliverance, trust in God, Passover, unity)

Psa 123

V1 – looking to God

V3-4 – contempt and scorning of proud (Rabshakeh)

Psa 124

V1-3 – would have been destroyed without God

V6 – not given as prey

V7 – soul escaped as a bird (Isa 31v5)

Psa 125

V1 – Zion cannot be moved

V4 – upright in heart, Hezekiah’s perfect heart

V5 – Assyrians were workers of iniquity

Psalm 125:2 mentions that ‘the LORD is round about his people as the hills about Jerusalem’ – looking at Psalm 121:1 and 2 Kings 6:17, what do you think this describes?

Psa 121v1 – help comes from hills

Psa 125v2 – LORD is round about his people, as the hills about Jerusalem

2 Kings 6v17 – the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire

What does this teach us about Hezekiah, and what lessons can we take?

**Read Psalms 126, 127 & 128**

Look for themes in each Psalm. What is the key message(s) of each Psalm?

Psa 126 – prayer for deliverance from captivity

Psa 127 – building the house / family

Psa 128 – blessing for those that fear God

Do these themes form a sequence through the three Psalms?

Captivity, rebuilding, blessing

Can you link these themes to Hezekiah’s life?

People were in captivity before Hezekiah’s reign

Repair and rebuilding of God’s house, Jerusalem and spiritual house

Blessing of deliverance

Can you find specific verses or ideas that link to Hezekiah’s life? (i.e. illness, siege, deliverance, trust in God, Passover, unity)

Psa 126

V1 – turn again captivity

V2 – laughter and singing – at passover

V3 – the LORD hath done great things

Psa 127

V1 – build the house and keep the city

V3 – children are a heritage

Psa 128

V1 – walk in his ways

V3 – blessing of family

Psalm 126:6 and 128:2 reference a harvest – link this with 2 Kings 19:29 and the sign that God would give Hezekiah.

2 Kings 19v29 – ye shall eat this year and next year what grows of itself – only in the third year would they need to plant

What does this teach us about Hezekiah, and what lessons can we take?

**Read Psalms 129, 130 & 131**

Look for themes in each Psalm. What is the key message(s) of each Psalm?

Psa 129 – affliction

Psa 130 – prayer for deliverance

Psa 131 – humility of the faithful

Do these themes form a sequence through the three Psalms?

Affliction, trust, hope in God not self

Can you link these themes to Hezekiah’s life?

Afflicted by the Assyrians and his illness

Trusted in God

Humbled himself and put trust in God not self

Can you find specific verses or ideas that link to Hezekiah’s life? (i.e. illness, siege, deliverance, trust in God, Passover, unity)

Psa 129

V1 – affliction

V3 – ploughed back (illness)

V5 – them that hate Zion confounded

Psa 130

V1-2 – cry to God when in need

V5 – waiting on the LORD

V6 – my soul waits for the LORD

V7 – hope in the LORD

V8 – LORD redeems Israel

Psa 131

V1 – Not haughty (humble)

V3 – Let Israel hope in the LORD

Contrast the thoughts of Hezekiah in Psalms 130 and 131 with Rabshakeh’s words in 2 Kings 18-19.

What does this teach us about Hezekiah, and what lessons can we take?

**Read Psalms 132, 133 & 134**

Look for themes in each Psalm. What is the key message(s) of each Psalm?

Psa 132 – Remembrance of God’s promises to David

Psa 133 – importance of unity

Psa 134 – standing / serving in the house of God

Do these themes form a sequence through the three Psalms?

Remembrance of promises, working together, serving God

Can you link these themes to Hezekiah’s life?

Hezekiah remembered promises to David, and the law

Hezekiah united the people both at the Passover and during the siege

People served God, and priests and Levites appointed to their roles in the temple

Can you find specific verses or ideas that link to Hezekiah’s life? (i.e. illness, siege, deliverance, trust in God, Passover, unity)

Psa 132

V1 – remember David

V7 – go to tabernacle

V9 – priests clothed with righteousness and servants shout for joy

V10-12 – promise to David of a kingly line

V13 – chosen Zion

V15 – satisfy the poor with bread

V16 – priests clothed and people shout

V18 – enemies clothed with shame

Psa 133

V1-3 – unity

V3 – blessing of life

Psa 134

V1 – stand in the house of God

V2 – lift up hands in the sanctuary and bless the LORD

Psalm 131:15 refers to being satisfied with bread – link this with 2 Kings 19:29 and the sign that God would give Hezekiah.

2 Kings 19v29 – ye shall eat this year and next year what grows of itself – only in the third year would they need to plant

What does this teach us about Hezekiah, and what lessons can we take?

**Read Isaiah 38:9-20**

Who do we learn from Isaiah 38:12-13 caused Hezekiah's illness. What is the lesson for us when we have difficult times in our lives? Find other passages to support this.

God caused the illness.

God is in control of all things in our lives, even when they seem difficult.

Rom 8v28; Heb 12v5-11; Acts 14v22

Isaiah 38:17 says 'for peace I had great bitterness'. What does Hezekiah mean by this phrase, and what does it mean for us? (Look at Isaiah 53:4-6 & Hebrews 12:11).

Isa 53 – the chastisement of our peace was upon him

Heb 12 – chastisement yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness

Putting these two together, the reason for the bitterness was to bring about his peace.

One of the lessons Hezekiah learnt from his sickness is detailed in Isaiah 38:18-19. Find other passages which support this lesson. (e.g. Ecclesiastes / Psalms).

‘the grave cannot praise thee, but the living do’ etc

Ecc 9v10-11; Psa 104v33; Psa 6v5; Psa 146v2

In Isaiah 38:15 Hezekiah says 'I shall go **softly** all my years in the bitterness of my soul'. This word is only used in one other place in scripture - Psalm 42:4. What additional lesson does this teach us?

“with the voice of joy and peace”

Can you find other links between Psalm 42 and Hezekiah’s life, and the lessons for us?

* V2 – thirst for God
* V4 – pour out my soul, go to house of God, joy and praise, multitude kept holyday
* V9 – pray to God day and night, songs
* V10 – enemies reproach daily, where is thy God

Look up the meaning of the word 'undertake' in Isaiah 38:14. What does this teach us about Hezekiah's trust in God, and what is the lesson for us?

“to be a surety” – God is a surety for us