

What The Bible Teaches on
HEALTH and HEALING
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Naturally, those who failed to fulfil the conditions God laid down did not receive healing from Him. There were numerous examples in the Old Testament.

(1) 2 Chronicles 16:12-13

King Asa's reign was among the longest in the history of Israel. For most of his 41 years on the throne, he was a godly king, but he did have some very serious lapses. When he was seriously ill he did not seek healing from God but only from physicians. It led to his death.

(2) Jeremiah 8:22; 46:11

Balm from Gilead was famous for its healing properties, so much so that it was exported all over the Middle East. (See Genesis 37:25). For both Israel and Egypt, however, no amount of balm could relieve their ailment.

(3) Jeremiah 51:8-9; Nahum 3:18-19

All effort to bring healing to Babylon was doomed to failure because its suffering is God's direct judgement. This was also true of Assyria.

(4) Lamentations 2:13-14

Instead of exposing the sin of Jerusalem so that the people would

repent, the prophets provided false and worthless visions. As a result, healing became impossible for them.

(5) Hosea 5: 13-15

Ephraim and Judah diagnosed their disease correctly. Unfortunately, they turned to Assyria for healing and not to God.

(6) Hosea 6:1-3; 7:1-7

Israel's claim on God's healing was mere wishful thinking, because they continued steadfastly in the way of sin.