

# Isaiah 38:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down.

## Analysis

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The miraculous sign "I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward" demonstrates God's power over creation. Reversing the sun's shadow defies natural law, proving God's supernatural intervention. The specificity "ten degrees" and reference to "Ahaz's sun dial" provide measurable verification. This cosmic sign for one man's healing demonstrates God's personal care—He will rearrange celestial mechanics to assure His servant. The miracle validates the promise of healing.

## Historical Context

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The mechanism of this miracle is debated—whether earth's rotation temporarily reversed or light refracted unusually. Whatever the means, the result was observable reversal of the shadow.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does God sometimes provide extraordinary signs to confirm His promises?
2. What does God's willingness to alter natural processes teach about His power and care?
3. How should observable miracles strengthen faith in God's invisible spiritual work?

## Interlinear Text

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הִנֵּן	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְתִּשְׁבַּ	אַתְּ	לְ	אֲשֶׁר	בְּמַעַל	וְתִּשְׁבַּ	הִנֵּן
H2005	<b>Behold I will bring again</b>	H853	<b>the shadow</b>	<b>by which degrees</b>		H834			
	H7725		H6738		H4609				
it was gone down	by which degrees	of Ahaz	So the sun	backward	ten				
H3381	H4609	H271	H8121	H322	H6235				
בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ
by which degrees	<b>Behold I will bring again</b>		<b>So the sun</b>	<b>backward</b>	<b>ten</b>	<b>by which degrees</b>			
H4609	H7725		H8121	H322	H6235	H4609			
בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ	בְּמַעַל	וְ
by which degrees	H834		it was gone down						
H4609			H3381						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 16:1** (Parallel theme): The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

**2 Chronicles 32:24** (Parallel theme): In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign.