

Sennacherib [Assyria] Invades Judah (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:13	Isaiah 36:1	2 Chronicles 32:1
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Hezekiah Pays Tribute to Sennacherib (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:14–16
14 Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, “I have done wrong. Withdraw from me; whatever you impose on me I will bear.” So the king of Assyria required of Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 Hezekiah gave <i>him</i> all the silver which was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasuries of the king’s house. 16 At that time Hezekiah cut off <i>the gold from</i> the doors of the temple of the LORD, and <i>from</i> the doorposts which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

Sennacherib Besieges Jerusalem Anyway (701 BC)

2 Chronicles 32:2–8
2 Now when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and that he intended to make war on Jerusalem, 3 he decided with his officers and his warriors to cut off the <i>supply of</i> water from the springs which <i>were</i> outside the city, and they helped him. 4 So many people assembled and stopped up all the springs and the stream which flowed through the region, saying, “Why should the kings of Assyria come and find abundant water?” 5 And he took courage and rebuilt all the wall that had been broken down and erected towers on it, and <i>built</i> another outside wall and strengthened the Millo <i>in</i> the city of David, and made weapons and shields in great number. 6 He appointed military officers over the people and gathered them to him in the square at the city gate, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, 7 “Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria nor because of all the horde that is with him; for the one with us is greater than the one with him. 8 “With him is <i>only</i> an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people relied on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

Sennacherib’s Message to Hezekiah (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:17–37	Isaiah 36:2–22	2 Chronicles 32:9–15, 18–19
17 Then the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a large army to Jerusalem.	2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a large army.	9 After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem

<p>So they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they went up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is on the highway of the fuller's field.</p> <p>18 When they called to the king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came out to them.</p> <p>19 Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you have?</p> <p>20 "You say (but <i>they are</i> only empty words), 'I have counsel and strength for the war.'</p> <p>Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?</p> <p>21 "Now behold, you rely on the staff of this crushed reed, <i>even</i> on Egypt; on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.</p> <p>22 "But if you say to me,</p> <p>'We trust in the LORD our God,'</p> <p>is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem'?</p>	<p>And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field.</p> <p>3 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to him.</p> <p>4 Then Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, "What is this confidence that you have?</p> <p>5 "I say, 'Your counsel and strength for the war are only empty words.'</p> <p>Now on whom do you rely, that you have rebelled against me?</p> <p>6 "Behold, you rely on the staff of this crushed reed, <i>even</i> on Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who rely on him.</p> <p>7 "But if you say to me,</p> <p>'We trust in the LORD our God,'</p> <p>is it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar'?</p>	<p>while he <i>was</i> besieging Lachish with all his forces with him, against Hezekiah king of Judah and against all Judah who <i>were</i> at Jerusalem,</p> <p>saying,</p> <p>10 "Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria, 'On what are you trusting that you are remaining in Jerusalem under siege?</p> <p>11 'Is not Hezekiah misleading you to give yourselves over to die by hunger and by thirst, saying, "The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria"?</p> <p>12 'Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, "You shall worship before one altar, and on it you shall burn incense"?</p>
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23 “Now therefore, come, make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to set riders on them.
 24 “How then can you repulse one official of the least of my master’s servants, and rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
 25 “Have I now come up without the LORD’s approval against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, ‘Go up against this land and destroy it.’”
 26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna and Joah, said to Rabshakeh, “Speak now to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand *it*; and do not speak with us in Judean in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.”
 27 But Rabshakeh said to them, “Has my master sent me only to your master and to you to speak these words, *and* not to the men who sit on the wall, *doomed* to eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you?”
 28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean,

saying, “Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.
 29 “Thus says the king, ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you from my hand;
 30 nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, “The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given

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 9 “How then can you repulse one official of the least of my master’s servants and rely on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?
 10 “Have I now come up without the LORD’s approval against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, ‘Go up against this land and destroy it.’”
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18 They called this out with a loud voice in the language of Judah to the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, to frighten and terrify them, so that they might take the city.
 19 They spoke of the God of Jerusalem as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, the work of men’s hands.

into the hand of the king of Assyria.”
 31 ‘Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, “Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,
 32 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey, that you may live and not die.”

But do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you, saying, “The LORD will deliver us.”
 33 ‘Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

34 ‘Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? Have they delivered Samaria from my hand?
 35 ‘Who among all the gods of the lands

have delivered their land from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?”
 36 But the people were silent and answered him not a word, for the king’s commandment was, “Do not answer him.”
 37 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder,

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 17 until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

18 ‘*Beware* that Hezekiah does not mislead you, saying, “The LORD will deliver us.”
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 22 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder,

13 ‘Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands able at all to deliver their land from my hand?
 15 ‘Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you like this, and do not believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or from the hand of my fathers.
 How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?”
 14 ‘Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations which my fathers utterly destroyed who could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand?’

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Hezekiah's First Prayer For Deliverance (701 BC)

2 Kings 19:1–7	Isaiah 37:1–7
<p>1 And when King Hezekiah heard <i>it</i>, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.</p> <p>2 Then he sent Eliakim who was over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.</p> <p>3 They said to him, “Thus says Hezekiah, ‘This day is a day of distress, rebuke, and rejection; for children have come to birth and there is no strength to <i>deliver</i>.</p> <p>4 ‘Perhaps the LORD your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for the remnant that is left.’”</p> <p>5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.</p> <p>6 Isaiah said to them, “Thus you shall say to your master, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.</p> <p>7 “Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.””</p>	<p>1 And when King Hezekiah heard <i>it</i>, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD.</p> <p>2 Then he sent Eliakim who was over the household with Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.</p> <p>3 They said to him, “Thus says Hezekiah, ‘This day is a day of distress, rebuke and rejection; for children have come to birth, and there is no strength to deliver.</p> <p>4 ‘Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer a prayer for the remnant that is left.’”</p> <p>5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah.</p> <p>6 Isaiah said to them, “Thus you shall say to your master, ‘Thus says the LORD, “Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.</p> <p>7 “Behold, I will put a spirit in him so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.””</p>

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