

### Sennacherib Sends Hezekiah a Taunting Letter (701 BC)

2 Kings 19:8–13	Isaiah 37:8–13	2 Chronicles 32:16–17
<p>8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had left Lachish.</p> <p>9 When he heard <i>them</i> say concerning Tirhakah king of Cush, “Behold, he has come out to fight against you,”</p> <p>he sent messengers</p> <p>again to Hezekiah</p> <p>saying,</p> <p>10 “Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”’</p> <p>11 ‘Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be spared?</p> <p>12 ‘Did the gods of those nations which my fathers destroyed deliver them, <i>even</i> Gozan and Haran and Rezep and the sons of Eden who <i>were</i> in Telassar?</p> <p>13 ‘Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, and <i>of</i> Hena and Ivvah?’”</p>	<p>8 Then Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that the king had left Lachish.</p> <p>9 When he heard <i>them</i> say concerning Tirhakah king of Cush, “He has come out to fight against you,”</p> <p>and when he heard <i>it</i></p> <p>he sent messengers</p> <p>to Hezekiah,</p> <p>saying,</p> <p>10 “Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”’</p> <p>11 ‘Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely. So will you be spared?</p> <p>12 ‘Did the gods of those nations which my fathers have destroyed deliver them, <i>even</i> Gozan and Haran and Rezep and the sons of Eden who <i>were</i> in Telassar?</p> <p>13 ‘Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, <i>and of</i> Hena and Ivvah?’”</p>	<p>16 His servants spoke further against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.</p> <p>17 He also wrote letters to insult the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying,</p> <p>“As the gods of the nations of the lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand.”</p>

### Hezekiah’s Second Prayer For Deliverance (701 BC)

2 Kings 19:14–19	Isaiah 37:14–20	2 Chronicles 32:20
<p>14 Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it</p>	<p>14 Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it</p>	

<p>out before the LORD. 15 Hezekiah</p> <p>prayed before the LORD and said, “O LORD, the God of Israel, who are enthroned <i>above</i> the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 “Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. 17 “Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated the nations and their lands 18 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. 19 “Now, O LORD our God, I pray, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, O LORD, are God.”</p>	<p>out before the LORD. 15 Hezekiah</p> <p>prayed to the LORD saying, 16 “O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who is enthroned <i>above</i> the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 17 “Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent <i>them</i> to reproach the living God. 18 “Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands, 19 and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men’s hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. 20 “Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are God.”</p>	<p>20 But King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, prayed about this and cried out to heaven.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yahweh Sends Sennacherib a Taunting Reply (701 BC)</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Kings 19:20–34</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 37:21–35</p>
<p>20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard <i>you</i>.’ 21 “This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">‘She has despised you and mocked you, The virgin daughter of Zion; She has shaken <i>her</i> head behind you, The daughter of Jerusalem!</p> <p>22 ‘Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you raised <i>your</i> voice, And haughtily lifted up your eyes?</p>	<p>21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent <i>word</i> to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria,</p> <p>22 this is the word that the LORD has spoken against him:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“She has despised you and mocked you, The virgin daughter of Zion; She has shaken <i>her</i> head behind you, The daughter of Jerusalem!</p> <p>23 “Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? And against whom have you raised <i>your</i> voice And haughtily lifted up your eyes?</p>

<p>Against the Holy One of Israel!</p> <p>23 ‘Through your messengers you have reproached the Lord, And you have said, “With my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains, To the remotest parts of Lebanon; And I cut down its tall cedars <i>and</i> its choice cypresses. And I entered its farthest lodging place, its thickest forest.</p> <p>24 “I dug <i>wells</i> and drank foreign waters, And with the sole of my feet I dried up All the rivers of Egypt.”</p> <p>25 ‘Have you not heard? Long ago I did it; From ancient times I planned it. Now I have brought it to pass, That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.</p> <p>26 ‘Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength, They were dismayed and put to shame; They were as the vegetation of the field and as the green herb, As grass on the housetops is scorched before it is grown up.</p> <p>27 ‘But I know your sitting down, And your going out and your coming in, And your raging against Me.</p> <p>28 ‘Because of your raging against Me, And because your arrogance has come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose, And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back by the way which you came.</p> <p>29 ‘Then this shall be the sign for you: you will eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.</p> <p>30 ‘The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.</p> <p>31 ‘For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD will perform this.</p> <p>32 ‘Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, “He will not come to this city</p>	<p>Against the Holy One of Israel!</p> <p>24 “Through your servants you have reproached the Lord, And you have said, ‘With my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains, To the remotest parts of Lebanon; And I cut down its tall cedars <i>and</i> its choice cypresses. And I will go to its highest peak, its thickest forest.</p> <p>25 ‘I dug <i>wells</i> and drank waters, And with the sole of my feet I dried up All the rivers of Egypt.’</p> <p>26 “Have you not heard? Long ago I did it, From ancient times I planned it. Now I have brought it to pass, That you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps.</p> <p>27 “Therefore their inhabitants were short of strength, They were dismayed and put to shame; They were <i>as</i> the vegetation of the field and <i>as</i> the green herb, As grass on the housetops is scorched before it is grown up.</p> <p>28 “But I know your sitting down And your going out and your coming in And your raging against Me.</p> <p>29 “Because of your raging against Me And because your arrogance has come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back by the way which you came.</p> <p>30 “Then this shall be the sign for you: you will eat this year what grows of itself, in the second year what springs from the same, and in the third year sow, reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit.</p> <p>31 “The surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root downward and bear fruit upward.</p> <p>32 “For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant and out of Mount Zion survivors. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”</p> <p>33 “Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, ‘He will not come to this city</p>
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