

### Sennacherib [Assyria] Invades Judah (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:13	Isaiah 36:1	2 Chronicles 32:1
<p>13 Now</p> <p>in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.</p>	<p>1 Now it came to pass</p> <p>in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, <i>that</i> Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defended cities of Judah, and took them.</p>	<p>1 After these things, and the establishment thereof,</p> <p>Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.</p>

### Hezekiah Pays Tribute to Sennacherib (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:14–16
<p>14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.</p> <p>15 And Hezekiah gave <i>him</i> all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.</p> <p>16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off <i>the gold from</i> the doors of the temple of the LORD, and <i>from</i> the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.</p>

### Sennacherib Besieges Jerusalem Anyway (701 BC)

2 Chronicles 32:2–8
<p>2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,</p> <p>3 He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which <i>were</i> without the city: and they did help him.</p> <p>4 So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?</p> <p>5 Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised <i>it</i> up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo <i>in</i> the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance.</p> <p>6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,</p> <p>7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that <i>is</i> with him: for <i>there be</i> more with us than with him:</p> <p>8 With him <i>is</i> an arm of flesh; but with us <i>is</i> the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.</p>

### Sennacherib's Message to Hezekiah (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:17–37	Isaiah 36:2–22	2 Chronicles 32:9–15, 18–19
<p>17 And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to</p> <p>king Hezekiah</p> <p>with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which <i>is</i> in the highway of the fuller's field.</p> <p>18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim,</p>	<p>2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem</p> <p>unto king Hezekiah</p> <p>with a great army.</p> <p>And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.</p> <p>3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim,</p>	<p>9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants</p> <p>to Jerusalem,</p> <p>(but he <i>himself laid siege</i> against Lachish, and all his power with him,)</p> <p>unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that <i>were</i> at Jerusalem,</p>

<p>the son of Hilkiyah, which <i>was</i> over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.  19 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence <i>is</i> this wherein thou trustest?  20 Thou sayest, (but <i>they are but</i> vain words,) <i>I have</i> counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?  21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, <i>even</i> upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so <i>is</i> Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.  22 But if ye say unto me,</p> <p>We trust in the LORD our God:</p> <p><i>is</i> not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?  23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.  24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?  25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.  26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand <i>it</i>: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that <i>are</i> on the wall.  27 But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? <i>hath he</i> not <i>sent me</i> to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?  28 Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language,</p>	<p>Hilkiyah's son, which <i>was</i> over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.  4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence <i>is</i> this wherein thou trustest?  5 I say, <i>sayest thou</i>, (but <i>they are but</i> vain words) <i>I have</i> counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?  6 Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so <i>is</i> Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.  7 But if thou say to me,</p> <p>We trust in the LORD our God:</p> <p><i>is it</i> not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?  8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.  9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?  10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.  11 Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand <i>it</i>: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that <i>are</i> on the wall.  12 But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? <i>hath he</i> not <i>sent me</i> to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?  13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language,</p>	<p>saying,</p> <p>10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?  11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?  12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?  18 Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that <i>were</i> on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the</p>
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<p>and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:  29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:  30 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.  31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make <i>an agreement</i> with me by a present, and come out to me, and <i>then</i> eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern:  32 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die:</p> <p>and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.  33 Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?</p> <p>34 Where <i>are</i> the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where <i>are</i> the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand?  35 Who <i>are</i> they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand?  36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.</p>	<p>and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.  14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.  15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.  16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make <i>an agreement</i> with me <i>by</i> a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;  17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.</p> <p>18 <i>Beware</i> lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us.  Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?</p> <p>19 Where <i>are</i> the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where <i>are</i> the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?  20 Who <i>are</i> they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?  21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.</p>	<p>city.  19 And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, <i>which were</i> the work of the hands of man.</p> <p>13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of <i>other</i> lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?  14 Who <i>was there</i> among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?  15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?</p>
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<p>37 Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, which <i>was</i> over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with <i>their</i> clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.</p>	<p>22 Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiyah, that <i>was</i> over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with <i>their</i> clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.</p>	
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### Hezekiah's First Prayer For Deliverance (701 BC)

2 Kings 19:1–7	Isaiah 37:1–7
<p>1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard <i>it</i>, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.</p> <p>2 And he sent Eliakim, which <i>was</i> over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.</p> <p>3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day <i>is</i> a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and <i>there is</i> not strength to bring forth.</p> <p>4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up <i>thy</i> prayer for the remnant that are left.</p> <p>5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.</p> <p>6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.</p> <p>7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.</p>	<p>1 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard <i>it</i>, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.</p> <p>2 And he sent Eliakim, who <i>was</i> over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.</p> <p>3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day <i>is</i> a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and <i>there is</i> not strength to bring forth.</p> <p>4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up <i>thy</i> prayer for the remnant that is left.</p> <p>5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.</p> <p>6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.</p> <p>7 Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.</p>

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