

Sennacherib [Assyria] Invades Judah (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:13	Isaiah 36:1	2 Chronicles 32:1
<p>13 In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all of the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.</p>	<p>1 And this happened: In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria went up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and he captured them.</p>	<p>1 After these things and these <i>acts of</i> faithfulness, Sennacherib the king of Assyria came, and he came against Judah. And he encamped against the fortified cities and planned to break them down for himself.</p>

Hezekiah Pays Tribute to Sennacherib (701 BC)

2 Kings 18:14–16

14 So Hezekiah king of Judah sent *word* to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, “I have done wrong. Withdraw from me. What you impose on me I will bear.” So the king of Assyria imposed on Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.
 15 Then Hezekiah gave all of the silver found *in* the temple of Yahweh and in the storerooms of the house of the king.
 16 At that time, Hezekiah cut off the doors of the temple of Yahweh and the doorposts which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and he gave them to the king of Assyria.

Sennacherib Besieges Jerusalem Anyway (701 BC)

2 Chronicles 32:2–8

2 When Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come and *that* his face *was set* for battle against Jerusalem,
 3 he took counsel with his commanders and his mighty warriors to block off the waters of the springs that *came* from outside the city, and they helped him.
 4 Then many people were gathered, and they blocked off all the springs and the river that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, “Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?”
 5 Then he strengthened himself and built up all the walls that were broken down, and raised towers upon *them* and another wall outside. And he strengthened the Millo of the city of David and made much weaponry and small shields.
 6 And he appointed commanders for battle over the people and gathered them to himself into the public square of the gate of the city. And he spoke to their hearts, saying,
 7 “Be strong! Be courageous! Do not fear and do not be dismayed before the king of Assyria and before all the crowd that *is* with him, for *there are* more with us than with him.
 8 With him *is* the arm of flesh, and with us *is* Yahweh our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people took confidence with 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

<p>17 So the king of Assyria sent the commander in chief, the chief eunuch, and the chief advisor from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem with a heavy army. They went up and came to Jerusalem, then they went up and came and stood at the aqueduct of the upper pool which is on the main road of the washer’s field. 18 Then they called to the king,</p>	<p>2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah, with a large army, and he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on <i>the</i> highway of <i>the</i> field of <i>the</i> washer.</p>	<p>9 After this Sennacherib the king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem (now he and all his armies with him <i>were</i> against Lachish) to Hezekiah king of Judah and to all of Judah that <i>was</i> in Jerusalem,</p>
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<p>so Eliakim the son of Hilkiah who <i>was</i> over the palace, Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, came out to them.</p> <p>19 Then the chief advisor said to them, "Please say to Hezekiah: 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What <i>is</i> this confidence that you trust?"</p> <p>20 You think only a word of lips, 'I <i>have</i> advice and power for the war.' Now, on whom do you trust that you have rebelled against me?</p> <p>21 Now, look! You rely on the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt, which <i>when</i> a man leans on it, it goes into his hand and pierces it! So <i>is</i> Pharaoh the king of Egypt for all who are trusting on him!</p> <p>22 But if you say to me,</p> <p>'On Yahweh our God we trust,'</p> <p><i>is it not</i> he whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, and he had said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'In the presence of this altar you shall bow down <i>only</i> in Jerusalem?'</p> <p>23 So then, please make a wager with my lord, with the king of Assyria, and I will give to you a thousand horses if you are able on your part to put riders on them.</p> <p>24 How can you repulse a single captain among the least of the servants of my master? Yet you rely for yourself on Egypt for chariots and horsemen!</p> <p>25 Have I now come up against this place without Yahweh to destroy it? Yahweh has said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it!'" ""</p> <p>26 Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah and Shebna and Joah said to the chief commander, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we <i>are</i> understanding, but you must not speak Judean with us in the ears of the people who <i>are</i> on the wall."</p> <p>27 The chief commander said to them, "Is it <i>solely</i> to your master and to you my master has sent me to speak these words? <i>Is it not</i> for the men who sit on the wall to eat their feces and to drink their urine with you?"</p> <p>28 Then the chief commander stood and called with a great voice in Judean,</p>	<p>3 And Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace, came out to him, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the reminder.</p> <p>4 And Rabshakeh said to them, "Now say to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What <i>is</i> this confidence <i>in</i> which you trust?"</p> <p>5 I said, 'Only a word of lips! War has power and a plan!' Now, in whom do you trust, that you have rebelled against me?</p> <p>6 Look, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt, which <i>if</i> a man leans on it, goes into his hand and bores through it! Such <i>is</i> Pharaoh, king of Egypt, to all those who trust in him.</p> <p>7 And if you say to me,</p> <p>'We trust in Yahweh our God,'</p> <p><i>was it not</i> he whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed? And he said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'You shall bow down in the presence of this altar.'"</p> <p>8 And now please make a wager with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, <i>that is</i>, if you are able put riders for yourself on them!</p> <p>9 But how can you drive back one governor among the least of my master's servants, when you trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen?</p> <p>10 And now was it without Yahweh that I have come up against this land to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, "Go up against this land and destroy it!" ""</p> <p>11 And Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we can understand <i>it</i>, and you must not speak to us in Judean in the hearing of the people who <i>are</i> on the wall."</p> <p>12 But Rabshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to speak these words to your masters and you? <i>Was it not</i> for the people who sit on the wall, to eat their dung and drink their urine with you?"</p> <p>13 Then Rabshakeh stood and called in a great voice in Judean</p>	<p>saying,</p> <p>10 "Thus says Sennacherib the king of Assyria: 'On what <i>are</i> you relying that <i>you are</i> dwelling in siege works in Jerusalem?'</p> <p>11 Is not Hezekiah urging you to give you <i>up</i> to die by starvation and thirst, saying, "Yahweh our God will save us from the hand of the king of Assyria"?</p> <p>12 Has not Hezekiah himself removed his high places and his altars and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, saying, "You must bow down before one altar and upon it you must make offerings"?</p> <p>18 Then they called with a great voice in Judean</p>
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<p>and he spoke and said,</p> <p>“Hear the word of the king, the great king of Assyria! 29 Thus says the king, ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to rescue you from my hand. 30 Do not let Hezekiah <i>make you</i> trust in Yahweh, saying, “Certainly Yahweh will rescue us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria!” 31 Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria, ‘Make with me a treaty of peace and come out to me that each <i>may</i> eat <i>from</i> his vine and each <i>from</i> his fig tree, and each <i>may</i> drink water <i>from</i> his cistern! 32 Until I come and take you to a land like your land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees, olive oil, and honey, that <i>you may</i> live and not die!</p> <p>You must not listen to Hezekiah, for he has misled you <i>by</i> saying, “Yahweh will deliver us!”</p> <p>33 Did the gods of each of the nations ever rescue the land from the hand of the king of Assyria?</p> <p>34 Where <i>are</i> the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where <i>are</i> the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? For did they rescue Samaria from my hand?</p> <p>35 Who among all of the gods of the countries have rescued their countries from my hand that Yahweh should rescue Jerusalem from my hand?” “</p> <p>36 The people were silent, and they did</p>	<p>and said,</p> <p>“Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. 14 Thus says the king: ‘<i>Do</i> not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you! 15 And <i>do</i> not let Hezekiah make you rely on Yahweh, saying, “Surely Yahweh will deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria!” 16 You must not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: “Make a blessing with me, and come out to me, and each one will eat <i>from</i> his vine and <i>from</i> his fig tree and drink water from his cistern, 17 until I come and take you to a land like your land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards,</p> <p>18 lest Hezekiah mislead you, saying, “Yahweh will save us!”</p> <p>Did the gods of the nations each save his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?</p> <p>19 Where <i>are</i> the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where <i>are</i> the gods of Sepharvaim? Indeed, <i>have</i> they delivered Samaria from my hand?</p> <p>20 Who <i>are there</i> among all the gods of these countries who have saved their land from my hand, that Yahweh should save Jerusalem from my hand?” “</p> <p>21 But they were silent and did</p>	<p>to the people of Jerusalem who <i>were</i> upon the wall to frighten them and terrify them, so that they could take the city captive. 19 And they spoke about the God of Jerusalem as about the gods of the peoples of the earth, the works of the hands of humankind.</p> <p>13 Do you not know what I have done, I and my ancestors, to all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of all the lands at all able to save their land from my hand? 14 Who among all the gods of those nations whom my ancestors utterly destroyed was able to save his people from my hand, that your God will be able to save you from my hand? 15 So now,</p> <p>do not let Hezekiah deceive you. Do not let him urge you according to this. Do not put trust in him, for no god of any nation and kingdom has been able to save his people from my hand and from the hand of my ancestors.</p> <p>Surely then your God will not save you from my hand!”</p>
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not answer him a word, for the command of that king was saying, “You shall not answer him.” 37 Eliakim the son of Hilkiah who was over the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder came to Hezekiah <i>with</i> torn clothes, and they told him the words of the chief commander.	not answer him a word, for the command of the king was, “You must not answer him.” 22 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who <i>was</i> over the palace, Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the reminder, came to Hezekiah <i>with</i> torn garments and told him the words of Rabshakeh.	
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Hezekiah’s First Prayer For Deliverance (701 BC)

2 Kings 19:1–7	Isaiah 37:1–7
<p>1 It happened that when King Hezekiah heard, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went <i>to</i> the temple of Yahweh.</p> <p>2 He sent Eliakim who <i>was</i> over the palace, Shebna the secretary, the elders, and the priests, <i>all</i> clothed in sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.</p> <p>3 They said to him, “Thus says Hezekiah, ‘A day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace is this day, for the children are about to be born, but there is no strength to bear them.</p> <p>4 Perhaps Yahweh your God will hear all of the words of <i>the</i> chief commander whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to insult <i>the</i> living God, and he will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. Therefore lift up a prayer for the remainder who are left.’”</p> <p>5 So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,</p> <p>6 and Isaiah said to them, “Thus you must say to your master, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “You must not be afraid because the face of the words which you have heard, <i>with</i> which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me.</p> <p>7 Look, I <i>am</i> putting in him a spirit. He will hear a rumor and return to his land. Then I will cause him to fall by the sword in his land.’””</p>	<p>1 And this happened: When King Hezekiah heard, he tore his garments, covered himself with sackcloth, and entered the temple of Yahweh.</p> <p>2 And he sent Eliakim, who <i>was</i> in charge of the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth to Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet.</p> <p>3 And they said to him, “Thus says Hezekiah: ‘This day <i>is</i> a day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace, for children have come <i>to the</i> cervical opening, and there is no strength to give birth.</p> <p>4 Maybe Yahweh your God heard <i>the</i> words of Rabshakeh whom the king of Assyria, his master, has sent to taunt <i>the</i> living God, and he will rebuke the words that Yahweh your God hears. And you must lift up a prayer for the benefit of the remnant that is found.’”</p> <p>5 When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,</p> <p>6 Isaiah said to them, “You must say this to your master: ‘Thus says Yahweh: “You must not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, <i>with</i> which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.</p> <p>7 Look! I <i>am</i> about to put a spirit in him so that he shall hear a rumor and he shall return to his land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his land.’””</p>

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