

### 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 King Hezekiah of Judah sent this message to the king of Assyria, who was at Lachish, "I have violated our treaty. If you leave, I will do whatever you demand." So the king of Assyria demanded that King Hezekiah of Judah pay three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.  
15 Hezekiah gave him all the silver in the LORD's temple and in the treasuries of the royal palace.  
16 At that time King Hezekiah of Judah stripped the metal overlays from the doors of the LORD's temple and from the posts which he had plated and 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 invaded and intended to attack Jerusalem,  
3 he consulted with his advisers and military officers about stopping up the springs outside the city, and they supported him.  
4 A large number of people gathered together and stopped up all the springs and the stream that flowed through the district. They reasoned, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find plenty of water?"  
5 Hezekiah energetically rebuilt every broken wall. He erected towers and an outer wall, and fortified the terrace of the City of David. He made many weapons and shields.  
6 He appointed military officers over the army and assembled them in the square at the city gate. He encouraged them, saying,  
7 "Be strong and brave! Don't be afraid and don't panic because of the king of Assyria and this huge army that is with him! We have with us one who is stronger than those who are with him.  
8 He has with him mere human strength, but the LORD our God is with us to help us and fight our battles!" The army was encouraged by the words of King Hezekiah 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 The king of Assyria sent his commanding general, the chief eunuch, and the chief adviser from Lachish to King Hezekiah in Jerusalem, along with a large army. They went up and arrived at Jerusalem. They went and stood at the conduit of the upper pool which is located on the road to the field where they wash and dry cloth. 18 They summoned the king, so Eliakim son of Hilkiah, the palace	2 The king of Assyria sent his chief adviser from Lachish to King Hezekiah in Jerusalem, along with a large army.  The chief adviser stood at the conduit of the upper pool which is located on the road to the field where they wash and dry cloth.  3 Eliakim son of Hilkiah, the palace	9 Afterward King Sennacherib of Assyria, while attacking Lachish with all his military might, sent his messengers to Jerusalem.  The message was for King Hezekiah of Judah and all the people of Judah who were in Jerusalem.
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<p>supervisor, accompanied by Shebna the scribe and Joah son of Asaph, the secretary, went out to meet them.  19 The chief adviser said to them, "Tell Hezekiah:  'This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says:  "‘What is your source of confidence?</p> <p>20 Your claim to have a strategy and military strength is just empty talk. In whom are you trusting that you would dare to rebel against me?  21 Now look, you must be trusting in Egypt, that splintered reed staff. If a man leans for support on it, it punctures his hand and wounds him. That is what Pharaoh king of Egypt does to all who trust in him.  22 Perhaps you will tell me, 'We are trusting in the LORD our God.'</p> <p>But Hezekiah is the one who eliminated his high places and altars and then told the people of Judah and Jerusalem, 'You must worship at this altar in Jerusalem.'</p> 23 Now make a deal with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, provided you can find enough riders for them. 24 Certainly you will not refuse one of my master's minor officials and trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen. 25 Furthermore it was by the command of the LORD that I marched up against this place to destroy it. The LORD told me, 'March up against this land and destroy it.'"" 26 Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, Shebna, and Joah said to the chief adviser, "Speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it. Don't speak with us in the Judahite dialect in the hearing of the people who are on the wall." 27 But the chief adviser said to them, "My master did not send me to speak these words only to your master and to you. His message is also for the men who sit on the wall, for they will eat their own excrement and drink their own urine along with you." 28 The chief adviser then stood there and called out loudly in the Judahite dialect,	<p>supervisor, accompanied by Shebna the scribe and Joah son of Asaph, the secretary, went out to meet him.  4 The chief adviser said to them, "Tell Hezekiah:  'This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says:  "‘What is your source of confidence?</p> <p>5 Your claim to have a strategy and military strength is just empty talk. In whom are you trusting, that you would dare to rebel against me?  6 Look, you must be trusting in Egypt, that splintered reed staff. If someone leans on it for support, it punctures his hand and wounds him. That is what Pharaoh king of Egypt does to all who trust in him!  7 Perhaps you will tell me, 'We are trusting in the LORD our God.'</p> <p>But Hezekiah is the one who eliminated his high places and altars and then told the people of Judah and Jerusalem, 'You must worship at this altar.'</p> 8 Now make a deal with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, provided you can find enough riders for them. 9 Certainly you will not refuse one of my master's minor officials and trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen. 10 Furthermore it was by the command of the LORD that I marched up against this land to destroy it. The LORD told me, 'March up against this land and destroy it!"" 11 Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the chief adviser, "Speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand it. Don't speak with us in the Judahite dialect in the hearing of the people who are on the wall." 12 But the chief adviser said, "My master did not send me to speak these words only to your master and to you. His message is also for the men who sit on the wall, for they will eat their own excrement and drink their own urine along with you!" 13 The chief adviser then stood there and called out loudly in the Judahite dialect,	<p>It read:</p> <p>10 "This is what King Sennacherib of Assyria says: 'Why are you so confident that you remain in Jerusalem while it is under siege?</p> <p>11 Hezekiah says, "The LORD our God will rescue us from the power of the king of Assyria." But he is misleading you and you will die of hunger and thirst!  12 Hezekiah is the one who eliminated the LORD's high places and altars and then told Judah and Jerusalem, "At one altar you must worship and offer sacrifices."</p> <p>18 They called out loudly in the Judahite dialect to the people of Jerusalem who were on</p>
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<p>“Listen to the message of the great king, the king of Assyria. 29 This is what the king says: ‘Don’t let Hezekiah mislead you, for he is not able to rescue you from my hand! 30 Don’t let Hezekiah talk you into trusting in the LORD when he says, “The LORD will certainly rescue us; this city will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.” 31 Don’t listen to Hezekiah!’ For this is what the king of Assyria says, ‘Send me a token of your submission and surrender to me. Then each of you may eat from his own vine and fig tree and drink water from his own cistern, 32 until I come and take you to a land just like your own—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey. Then you will live and not die.</p> <p>Don’t listen to Hezekiah, for he is misleading you when he says, “The LORD will rescue us.”</p> <p>33 Have any of the gods of the nations actually rescued his land from the power of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Indeed, did any gods rescue Samaria from my power? 35 Who among all the gods of the lands has rescued their lands from my power? So how can the LORD rescue Jerusalem from my power?” 36 The people were silent and did not respond, for the king had ordered, “Don’t respond to him.” 37 Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, the palace supervisor, accompanied by Shebna the scribe and Joah son of Asaph, the secretary, went to Hezekiah with their</p>	<p>“Listen to the message of the great king, the king of Assyria. 14 This is what the king says: ‘Don’t let Hezekiah mislead you, for he is not able to rescue you! 15 Don’t let Hezekiah talk you into trusting in the LORD by saying, “The LORD will certainly rescue us; this city will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.” 16 Don’t listen to Hezekiah!’ For this is what the king of Assyria says, ‘Send me a token of your submission and surrender to me. Then each of you may eat from his own vine and fig tree and drink water from his own cistern, 17 until I come and take you to a land just like your own—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.</p> <p>18 Hezekiah is misleading you when he says, “The LORD will rescue us.”</p> <p>Has any of the gods of the nations rescued his land from the power of the king of Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Indeed, did any gods rescue Samaria from my power? 20 Who among all the gods of these lands have rescued their lands from my power? So how can the LORD rescue Jerusalem from my power?” 21 They were silent and did not respond, for the king had ordered, “Don’t respond to him.” 22 Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, the palace supervisor, accompanied by Shebna the scribe and Joah son of Asaph, the secretary, went to Hezekiah with their</p>	<p>the wall, trying to scare and terrify them so they could seize the city. 19 They talked about the God of Jerusalem as if he were one of the man-made gods of the nations of the earth.</p> <p>13 Are you not aware of what I and my predecessors have done to all the nations of the surrounding lands? Have the gods of the surrounding lands actually been able to rescue their lands from my power? 14 Who among all the gods of these nations whom my predecessors annihilated was able to rescue his people from my power? 15 Now don’t let Hezekiah deceive you or mislead you like this.</p> <p>Don’t believe him, for no god of any nation or kingdom has been able to rescue his people from my power or the power of my predecessors.</p> <p>So how can your gods rescue you from my power?”</p>
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### Hezekiah's First Prayer For Deliverance (701 BC)

2 Kings 19:1–7	Isaiah 37:1–7
<p>1 When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and went to the LORD's temple.</p> <p>2 He sent Eliakim the palace supervisor, Shebna the scribe, and the leading priests, clothed in sackcloth, with this message to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz:</p> <p>3 "This is what Hezekiah says: 'This is a day of distress, insults, and humiliation, as when a baby is ready to leave the birth canal, but the mother lacks the strength to push it through.'</p> <p>4 Perhaps the LORD your God will hear all these things the chief adviser has spoken on behalf of his master, the king of Assyria, who sent him to taunt the living God. When the LORD your God hears, perhaps he will punish him for the things he has said. So pray for this remnant that remains.'"</p> <p>5 When King Hezekiah's servants came to Isaiah,</p> <p>6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master this: 'This is what the LORD says: "Don't be afraid because of the things you have heard—these insults the king of Assyria's servants have hurled against me.'</p> <p>7 Look, I will take control of his mind; he will receive a report and return to his own land. I will cut him down with a sword in his own land.'"</p>	<p>1 When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth, and went to the LORD's temple.</p> <p>2 Eliakim the palace supervisor, Shebna the scribe, and the leading priests, clothed in sackcloth, sent this message to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz:</p> <p>3 "This is what Hezekiah says: 'This is a day of distress, insults, and humiliation, as when a baby is ready to leave the birth canal, but the mother lacks the strength to push it through.'</p> <p>4 Perhaps the LORD your God will hear all these things the chief adviser has spoken on behalf of his master, the king of Assyria, who sent him to taunt the living God. When the LORD your God hears, perhaps he will punish him for the things he has said. So pray for this remnant that remains.'"</p> <p>5 When King Hezekiah's servants came to Isaiah,</p> <p>6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master this: 'This is what the LORD says: "Don't be afraid because of the things you have heard—these insults the king of Assyria's servants have hurled against me.'</p> <p>7 Look, I will take control of his mind; he will receive a report and return to his own land. I will cut him down with a sword in his own land.'"</p>

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