

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

2 Kings 19:8–13	Isaiah 37:8–13	2 Chronicles 32:16–17
<p>8 When the chief adviser heard the king of Assyria had departed from Lachish, he left and went to Libnah, where the king was campaigning.</p> <p>9 The king heard that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was marching out to fight him. He again sent messengers to Hezekiah, ordering them:</p> <p>10 “Tell King Hezekiah of Judah this: ‘Don’t let your God in whom you trust mislead you when he says, “Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.”</p> <p>11 Certainly you have heard how the kings of Assyria have annihilated all lands. Do you really think you will be rescued?</p> <p>12 Were the nations whom my ancestors destroyed—the nations of Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden in Telassar—rescued by their gods?</p> <p>13 Where are the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of Lair, Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?”</p>	<p>8 When the chief adviser heard the king of Assyria had departed from Lachish, he left and went to Libnah, where the king was campaigning.</p> <p>9 The king heard that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was marching out to fight him. He again sent messengers to Hezekiah, ordering them:</p> <p>10 “Tell King Hezekiah of Judah this: ‘Don’t let your God in whom you trust mislead you when he says, “Jerusalem will not be handed over to the king of Assyria.”</p> <p>11 Certainly you have heard how the kings of Assyria have annihilated all lands. Do you really think you will be rescued?</p> <p>12 Were the nations whom my predecessors destroyed—the nations of Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the people of Eden in Telassar—rescued by their gods?</p> <p>13 Where are the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the kings of Lair, Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?”</p>	<p>16 Sennacherib’s servants further insulted the LORD God and his servant Hezekiah.</p> <p>17 He wrote letters mocking the LORD God of Israel and insulting him with these words:</p> <p>“The gods of the surrounding nations could not rescue their people from my power. Neither can Hezekiah’s god rescue his people from my power.”</p>

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

2 Kings 19:14–19	Isaiah 37:14–20	2 Chronicles 32:20
<p>14 Hezekiah took the letter from the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to the LORD’s temple and spread it out before the LORD.</p> <p>15 Hezekiah</p> <p>prayed before the LORD:</p> <p>“LORD God of Israel, who is enthroned on the cherubs! You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the sky and the earth.</p> <p>16 Pay attention, LORD, and hear! Open your eyes, LORD, and observe! Listen to the message Sennacherib sent and how he taunts the living God!</p> <p>17 It is true, LORD, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands.</p>	<p>14 Hezekiah took the letter from the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to the LORD’s temple and spread it out before the LORD.</p> <p>15 Hezekiah</p> <p>prayed before the LORD:</p> <p>16 “O LORD who commands armies, O God of Israel, who is enthroned on the cherubim! You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You made the sky and the earth.</p> <p>17 Pay attention, LORD, and hear! Open your eyes, LORD, and observe! Listen to this entire message Sennacherib sent and how he taunts the living God!</p> <p>18 It is true, LORD, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the nations and their lands.</p>	<p>20 King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz prayed about this and cried out to heaven.</p>

<p>18 They have burned the gods of the nations, for they are not really gods, but only the product of human hands manufactured from wood and stone. That is why the Assyrians could destroy them. 19 Now, O LORD our God, rescue us from his power, so that all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you, LORD, are the only God.”</p>	<p>19 They have burned the gods of the nations, for they are not really gods, but only the product of human hands manufactured from wood and stone. That is why the Assyrians could destroy them. 20 Now, O LORD our God, rescue us from his power, so all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are the LORD.”</p>	
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### Yahweh Sends Sennacherib a Taunting Reply (701 BC)

2 Kings 19:20–34	Isaiah 37:21–35
<p>20 Isaiah son of Amoz sent this message to Hezekiah: “This is what the LORD God of Israel says: ‘I have heard your prayer concerning King Sennacherib of Assyria. 21 This is what the LORD says about him:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“The virgin daughter Zion despises you, she makes fun of you; Daughter Jerusalem shakes her head after you.</p> <p>22 Whom have you taunted and hurled insults at? At whom have you shouted, and looked so arrogantly? At the Holy One of Israel!</p> <p>23 Through your messengers you taunted the sovereign master, ‘With my many chariots I climbed up the high mountains, the slopes of Lebanon. I cut down its tall cedars, and its best evergreens. I invaded its most remote regions, its thickest woods.</p> <p>24 I dug wells and drank water in foreign lands. With the soles of my feet I dried up all the rivers of Egypt.’</p> <p>25 Certainly you must have heard! Long ago I worked it out, In ancient times I planned it; and now I am bringing it to pass. The plan is this: Fortified cities will crash into heaps of ruins.</p> <p>26 Their residents are powerless, they are terrified and ashamed. They are as short-lived as plants in the field, or green vegetation. They are as short-lived as grass on the rooftops when it is scorched by the east wind.</p> <p>27 I know where you live, and everything you do.</p> <p>28 Because you rage against me, and the uproar you create has reached my ears; I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle between your lips,</p>	<p>21 Isaiah son of Amoz sent this message to Hezekiah: “This is what the LORD God of Israel says: ‘Because you prayed to me concerning King Sennacherib of Assyria, 22 this is what the LORD says about him:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“The virgin daughter Zion despises you—she makes fun of you; daughter Jerusalem shakes her head after you.</p> <p>23 Whom have you taunted and hurled insults at? At whom have you shouted and looked so arrogantly? At the Holy One of Israel!</p> <p>24 Through your messengers you taunted the sovereign master, ‘With my many chariots I climbed up the high mountains, the slopes of Lebanon. I cut down its tall cedars and its best evergreens. I invaded its most remote regions, its thickest woods.</p> <p>25 I dug wells and drank water. With the soles of my feet I dried up all the rivers of Egypt.’</p> <p>26 Certainly you must have heard! Long ago I worked it out, in ancient times I planned it, and now I am bringing it to pass. The plan is this: Fortified cities will crash into heaps of ruins.</p> <p>27 Their residents are powerless; they are terrified and ashamed. They are as short-lived as plants in the field or green vegetation. They are as short-lived as grass on the rooftops when it is scorched by the east wind.</p> <p>28 I know where you live and everything you do and how you rage against me.</p> <p>29 Because you rage against me and the uproar you create has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose, and my bridle between your lips,</p>

<p>and I will lead you back the way you came.”</p> <p>29 This will be your confirmation that I have spoken the truth: This year you will eat what grows wild, and next year what grows on its own from that. But in the third year you will plant seed and harvest crops; you will plant vines and consume their produce.</p> <p>30 Those who remain in Judah will take root in the ground and bear fruit.</p> <p>31 For a remnant will leave Jerusalem; survivors will come out of Mount Zion. The intense devotion of the sovereign LORD to his people will accomplish this.</p> <p>32 So this is what the LORD says about the king of Assyria: “He will not enter this city, nor will he shoot an arrow here. He will not attack it with his shield-carrying warriors, nor will he build siege works against it.</p> <p>33 He will go back the way he came. He will not enter this city,” says the LORD.</p> <p>34 I will shield this city and rescue it for the sake of my reputation and because of my promise to David my servant.””</p>	<p>and I will lead you back the way you came.”</p> <p>30 “This will be your reminder that I have spoken the truth: This year you will eat what grows wild, and next year what grows on its own. But the year after that you will plant seed and harvest crops; you will plant vines and consume their produce.</p> <p>31 Those who remain in Judah will take root in the ground and bear fruit.</p> <p>32 “For a remnant will leave Jerusalem; survivors will come out of Mount Zion. The intense devotion of the LORD who commands armies will accomplish this.</p> <p>33 So this is what the LORD says about the king of Assyria: ‘He will not enter this city, nor will he shoot an arrow here. He will not attack it with his shielded warriors, nor will he build siege works against it.</p> <p>34 He will go back the way he came—he will not enter this city,’ says the LORD.</p> <p>35 I will shield this city and rescue it for the sake of my reputation and because of my promise to David my servant.”””</p>
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Yahweh’s Angel Destroys the Assyrian Army (701 BC)		
2 Kings 19:35–36	Isaiah 37:36–37	2 Chronicles 32:21a, 22–23
<p>35 That very night the LORD’s messenger went out and killed 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp. When they got up early the next morning, there were all the corpses.</p> <p>36 So King Sennacherib of Assyria broke camp and went on his way. He went home and stayed in Nineveh.</p>	<p>36 The LORD’s messenger went out and killed 185,000 troops in the Assyrian camp. When they got up early the next morning, there were all the corpses!</p> <p>37 So King Sennacherib of Assyria broke camp and went on his way. He went home and stayed in Nineveh.</p>	<p>21a The LORD sent a messenger and he wiped out all the soldiers, princes, and officers in the army of the king of Assyria.</p> <p>So Sennacherib returned home humiliated.</p> <p>22 The LORD delivered Hezekiah and the residents of Jerusalem from the power of King Sennacherib of Assyria and from all the other nations. He made them secure on every side.</p> <p>23 Many were bringing presents to the LORD in Jerusalem and precious gifts to King Hezekiah of Judah. From that time on he was respected by all the nations.</p>

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