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Isaiah 36-39

**The Provocation of Assyria and Babylonia
against Jerusalem.**

Isaiah 36-37

The Invasion of Jerusalem by the Assyrians

Isaiah 38-39

**The Investigation of Jerusalem by the
Babylonians**

Isaiah 37

The Courage of Hezekiah

Isaiah 37:1-5

The Plea of Hezekiah to Isaiah

Isaiah 37:1

The Reaction of Hezekiah

Isaiah 37:1 And it happened, when the king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he tore his clothes, and he covered himself in sackcloth, and went into *the* house of Yahweh.

Isaiah 37:2-5

The Request for Isaiah

² And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the elders of the priests while covering themselves in sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

³ And they said to him, This way says Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of distress, and of rebuke, and of disgrace: because the children have come to give birth, and *there is* without strength to give birth.

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⁴ Perhaps Yahweh your God will hear the words of Rav-shake, whom the king of Assyria his master had sent to taunt *the* living God, and he will have reproved the words which Yahweh your God had heard: and you will have lifted up *a* prayer concerning the remnant, the ones being found.

⁵ And the servants of the king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

Isaiah 37:6-7

The Punishment for Reviling God

Isaiah 37:6

The Response of Yahweh

⁶ And Isaiah said to them, This way shall you say to your master, This way has said Yahweh, Do not fear before the words which you have heard, which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me.

Isaiah 37:7

The Revenge of Yahweh

⁷ Behold, I will be giving a spirit in him, and he shall have heard a report, and will have returned to his land; and I will have caused him to fall by the sword in his land.

Isaiah 37:8-13

The Political maneuvering of Rav-Shake

Isaiah 37:8-9

The Report

⁸ And Rav-shake returned, and he found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: because he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

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⁹ And he heard *a* saying concerning Tihakah king of Cush, He has gone out to fight with you. And he heard *it*, and he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

Isaiah 37:10-13
The Remedy of Rav-Shake

¹⁰ This way shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not your God, in whom you are trusting, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given in *the* hand of the king of Assyria.

¹¹ Behold, you have heard what *the* kings of Assyria have done to all the lands by destroying them completely; and shall you yourself be delivered?

¹² Have *the* gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the sons of Eden which *were* in Telassar?

¹³ Where *is the* king of Hamath, and *the* king of Arphad, and the king to *the* city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

Isaiah 37:14-20

The Prayer of Hezekiah

Isaiah 37:14-15
The Reaction of Hezekiah

¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the scroll from *the* hand of the messengers, and he read *it*: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of Yahweh, and spread it before Yahweh.

¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh, saying,

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Isaiah 37:16-19

The Recognition of Hezekiah

¹⁶ Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, the One dwelling *between* the cherubims, You *are* the God - you alone, for all *the* kingdoms of the earth: You have made the heavens and the earth.

¹⁷ Incline your ear, Yahweh, and hear; open your eyes, Yahweh, and see: and hear all *the* words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to taunt *the* living God.

¹⁸ Upon *a* truth, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have laid to ruins all the lands, and their countries,

¹⁹ And put their gods in the fire: because they *were* no gods, but *the* work of the hands of men, wood and stone: and they destroyed them.

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The Request of Hezekiah

²⁰ And now, Yahweh our God, save us from his hand, and all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you *are* Yahweh - you alone.

Isaiah 37:21-35

The Prophecy concerning Assyria

Isaiah 37:21-29

The Action of God

Isaiah 37:21-22

The Response of Yahweh

²¹ Now Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, This way has said Yahweh God of Israel, Whom you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria:

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²² **This *is* the word which Yahweh has spoken concerning him; *The* virgin, *the* daughter of Zion, has despised you, *and* ridiculed you; *the* daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.**

Isaiah 37:23-25
The Reviling of Assyria

²³ **To whom have you reviled and have blasphemed? and against whom have you raised *a* voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? *even* to the Holy One of Israel.**

²⁴ **In the hand of your servants have you reviled *the* Lord, and you said, In the multitude of my chariots have I myself come up to *the* height of *the* mountains, to the remote parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars of it, *and* the choicest of pine trees of it: and I will come to *the* height of its border, *the* forest of its fertile field.**

²⁵ **I myself have digged, and have drunk water; and in *the* sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the lower Egypt.**

Isaiah 37:26-27
The Responsibility of the Assyrian conquests

²⁶ **Have you not heard from long ago, *how* I have done it; *and* from the days of old, and I have formed it? Now have I brought it to happen, and it will be for laying ruin fortified cities *as* devastated rubble.**

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²⁷ **And the ones dwelling *were* short of hand, they had been filled with terror and had been confused: they had been *as the* grass of a field, and *as a* green growth of vegetation, *as* grass of housetops, and *as* dried up *corn* before *it was* standing grain.**

Isaiah 37:28-29

The Results of God's Judgment

²⁸ **And I have known your dwelling, and your going out, and your coming in, and your raging toward me.**

²⁹ **Because your raging toward me, and your arrogance, has come up in my ears, and I will have put my hook in your nose, and my bridle in your lips, and I will have turned you back in the way in which you have come.**

Isaiah 37:30-35

The Assurance of God

Isaiah 37:30

The Reaping of the Harvest

³⁰ **And this *shall be* a sign to you, eating *this* year *such as* voluntarily grows; and in the second year *that which* springeth of wild grain: and in the third year sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.**

Isaiah 37:31-32

The Remnant Will Increase

³¹ **And the remnant of the escaped of the house of Judah shall again have taken root downward, and will have produced fruit upward:**

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³² Because from out of Jerusalem shall go out *a* remnant, and the ones who escaped from out of mount Zion: the zeal of Yahweh of hosts shall do this.

Isaiah 37:33-34
The Reassurance of Deliverance

³³ Therefore this way has said Yahweh concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, and he shall not shoot *an* arrow there, and he shall not come to it with *a* shield, and he will not pile up *a* siege-bank against it.

³⁴ In the way which he had come, in it shall he return, and shall not come into this city, *a* declaration of Yahweh.

Isaiah 37:35
The Reasons for the Deliverance

³⁵ And I will have defended concerning this city to save it for my sake, and for the sake of my servant David.

Isaiah 37:36-38

The Prophecy of Yahweh Fulfilled

Isaiah 37:36
The Ravaging by the Angel

³⁶ And *the* angel of Yahweh went out, and struck down in *the* camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty and five thousand: and they arose early in the morning, and behold, all the bodies being dead.

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Isaiah 37:37

The Return of Sennacherib

³⁷ And Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelled in Nineveh.

Isaiah 37:38

The Royal Chronicles of Babylon

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³⁸ And it happened, as he himself was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him down with the sword; and they themselves had escaped to the land of Ararat: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in place of him.