

2. Kings 19

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1 And it came to pass when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he tore his garments, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah.

2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.

3 And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah: This day is a day of trouble and of rebuke and of reviling; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth.

4 It may be Jehovah *your* God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God; and will rebuke the words which Jehovah *your* God has heard. Therefore lift up a prayer for the remnant that is left.

5 And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

6 And Isaiah said to them, Thus shall you say to your master: Thus says Jehovah: Be not afraid of the words that *you* have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7 Behold, I will put a spirit into him, and he will hear tidings, and will return to his own land; and I will make him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 And Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

9 And he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he has come forth to make war with *you*. And he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,

10 Thus shall you speak to Hezekiah king of Judah saying: Let not *your* God, upon whom *you* rely, deceive *you*, saying, Jerusalem will not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11 Behold, *you* have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all countries, destroying them utterly; and shall *you* be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations which my fathers have destroyed delivered them: Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden that were in Thelassar?

13 Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up into the house of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah.

15 And Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah and said, Jehovah, God of Israel, who sit *between* the cherubim, *you*, the

Same, you alone are the God of all the kingdoms of the earth: you have made the heavens and the earth.

16 Incline your ear, Jehovah, and hear; open, Jehovah, your eyes, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, who has sent him to reproach the living God.

17 Of a truth, Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands,

18 and have cast their gods into the fire; for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore have they destroyed them.

19 And now, Jehovah our God, I beseech you, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Jehovah, are God, you only.

20 And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says Jehovah the God of Israel: That which you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.

21 This is the word that Jehovah has spoken against him:

The virgin-daughter of Zion despises you, laughs you to scorn;

The daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head at you.

22 Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against whom have you exalted the voice?

Against the Holy one of Israel have you lifted up your eyes on high.

23 By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and have said,

With the multitude of my chariots have I come up

To the height of the mountain, to the recesses of Lebanon,

And I will cut down its tall cedars, the choice of its cypresses;

And I will enter into its furthest lodging-place, *into* the forest of its fruitful field.

24 I have dug, and have drunk strange waters,

And with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the streams of Matsor.

25 Have you not heard long ago that I have done it?

And that from ancient days I formed it?

Now have I brought it to pass, that you should lay waste fortified cities *into* ruinous heaps.

26 And their inhabitants were powerless,

They were dismayed and put to shame;

They were as the growing grass, and as the green herb,

As the grass on the housetops, and grain blighted before it be grown up.

27 But I know *your* abode, and *your* going out, and *your* coming in,

And *your* raging against me.

28 Because *your* raging against me and *your* arrogance is come up into my ears,

I will put my ring in *your* nose, and my bridle in *your* lips,

And I will make *you* go back by the way by which *you* came.

29 And this *will be* the sign unto *you*:

They will eat this year such as grows of itself,

And in the second year that which springs of the same;

But in the third year sow you and reap,

And plant vineyards and eat the fruit of it.

30 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah

Will again take root downward, and bear fruit upward;

31 For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant,

And out of mount Zion they that escape:

The zeal of Jehovah *of hosts* will do this.

32 Therefore thus says Jehovah concerning the king of Assyria:

He will not come into this city,

Nor shoot an arrow there,

Nor come before it with shield,

Nor cast a bank against it.

33 By the way that he came, by the same will he return,

And will not come into this city, says Jehovah.

34 And I will defend this city, to save it,

For my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35 And it came to pass that night, that an angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and eighty-five thousand. And when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead bodies.

36 And Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and abode at Nineveh.

37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer^{his} sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.