

Isaiah 36

Sennacherib Taunts Hezekiah

1. Isaiah Review

- i. 1-6 – Intro: Indictment of Israel: coming judgment, and future kingdom.
- ii. 7-12 - Fall of a king, fall of Israel; rise of a King, rise of a Remnant.
 - 1. 13-35 – Day of the LORD: judgment, restoration, restitution, refreshing.
- iii. 36-39 – Hezekiah and the Salvation of the Lord
 - 1. 40-66 – The coming king and kingdom: restoration and salvation.
- b. The king of prophets: the prophet of kings – 2 Chron 32:32
 - i. A king brings judgment (7-39); a king brings salvation (40-66)
 - ii. King #1 – Ahaz – Salvation promised. Opposed by kings Pekah & Rezin
 - iii. King #2 – Hezekiah – Salvation in part. Opposed by king Sennacherib
 - iv. King #3 – King of Kings – Salvation in Full. All kings bow to him.

2. 36:1-3 – The Enemy at the Door

- a. These chapters fulfill prophecies in the prior section (though some remain for future)
- b. Here an Assyrian (not Syria or Israel) stood where Isaiah met Ahaz – Isa 7:3-7
- c. The meeting between Rabshekah (Assyrian), and Eliakim, Shebna, Joah (pres, sec, treas)
- d. Eliakim, Shebna were prophesied about before – Isa 22:15-20 ‘you will not die here’
- e. What is Hezekiah thinking: ‘be not afraid...’ - 2 Chron 32:2-9

3. 36:4-12 – The First Taunt: Whom do you trust?

- a. 4-5 – “what confidence?” – Isa 30:15 – “that thou rebellest...” – 2 Chron 32:2-9
- b. 6 - The rebellious in Jerusalem sought Egypt’s counsel – Isa 30:1-7
- c. 7 – There was none like Hezekiah before or after – 2Ki 18:1-7, 2 Chr 29-30:26, Pro 25:1
- d. 8 – A mocking offer: 2000 men (if you have them), we supply the horses - 2Ki 18:13-17
- e. 9 - Remember, there was a woe against trusting in Egypt – Isa 31:1
- f. 10 – Remember, the LORD uses the Assyrian as his rod and tells him to in Isa 10:5-12
- g. 11 – ‘Don’t speak in our language’ – They’re asking for judgment! Isa 28:11, Jer 5:15
- h. 12 - “my master” – Referring to Sennacherib, but also the LORD using him. 2Ch 32:11
 - i. “dung... piss” – The KJB speaks plainly. 2 Chron 32:11 – “famine and thirst”

4. 36:13-22 – The Second Taunt: Don’t trust your king or your Lord to save you!

- a. 14 – This verse is correct, because the LORD will be their Deliverer. Isa 31:5
- b. 16-17 – An agreement = to live in peace (as servants of Assyria) w/o liberty under God
- c. 18 – “hath any?” Answer: no – read Isa 13-23 for the prophecies fulfilled here.
- d. 19 – They were worshiped in Samaria, but did not deliver it - 2 Kings 17:29-33
- e. 20 – How is the LORD any different than other gods? What’s one more?
- f. 21-22 – A wise move: showing agreement and obedience to Hezekiah.
- g. Silence in the face of attack, mockery, taunt shows restraint, meekness, temperance