

Sunday Morning, July 31, 2024 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Full Deliverance Message Text: Isaiah 36-37

Introduction:

Hezekiah was one of the godly kings of Judah. He was the twelfth king in the divided kingdom. During the fourteenth year of his reign, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria threatened him with war and destruction. This was an overwhelming threat. Judah was no match against the military power of the Assyrians. Rather than surrender, Hezekiah sought the Lord and discovered Him to be faithful. May we learn from the life of Hezekiah to seek the Lord in the threats that we face in our world today.

1. A	Threat	(36:1-22)

Isaiah 36:1–2 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them. 2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army.

And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

14TH YEAR OF HEZEKIAH — 701BC



SENNACHERIB — king of Assyria

NOTE — Assyria was a dominant power in the Near East for a large portion of the Bible, and the lands of the Bible were within the reach of its empire. Assyria's affairs with biblical characters are recorded in 2 Kgs 15–23 (and in the corresponding stories of 1 Chr 5 and 2 Chr 28–33), in which Assyria is overthrown and Babylonia becomes the dominant Near Eastern power. — LBD

RABSHAKEH — Chief Aide or Field Commander for Sennacherib (2 Kings 18:17)

FULLER'S FIELD — Meeting place for hostile negotiations

RABSHAKEH'S MESSAGE (3-10)

CALL FOR ISRAEL'S SURRENDER (11-17)

RABSHAKEH'S BLASPHEMING (18-22)

2.	Α		Res	ponse	(37:1-35)
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HEZEKIAH SOUGHT ______ FROM GOD (1-13)

Isaiah 37:1–5 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. 2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be the Lord thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the Lord

thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. 5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

HEZEKIAH SOUGHT ______ FROM GOD (13-35)

Isaiah 37:14–20 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. 15 And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying, 16 O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. 17 Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. 18 Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries, 19 And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. 20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only.

3. A Deliverance (37:33-38)

Isaiah 37:33–38 Therefore thus saith the Lord concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shields, Nor cast a bank against it. 34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return,

35 For I will defend this city to save it

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

And shall not come into this city, saith the Lord.

36 Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. 37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 38 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 Armenia: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

Conclusion

Isaiah 37:20 Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only.

