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The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39

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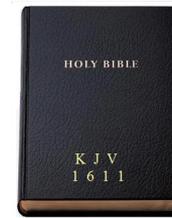
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And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of *armour*, even a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

I will turn thee back.

- The Lord will directly intervene and repel the invaders before they can touch any spoil or take any prey
- This phrase appears 4x; 2x in the context of this invasion (v.4; 39:2) and 2x in the context of a TYPE of this invasion (2 Kin 19:28; Isa 37:29)
 - Ezekiel 39:2-6 describes the details of the RETREAT and DEFEAT of the invaders
 - The latter two references describe the Lord's intervention in the attempted invasion of Jerusalem by Sennacherib and Assyria

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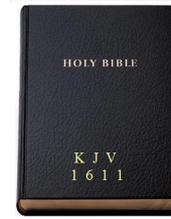
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Isa 37:29

Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I **put my hook** in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and **I will turn thee back** by the way by which thou camest.

- If the invasion of Sennacherib is just a historical event and has no prophetic application, why is it included in *Isaiah* when it is thoroughly documented in 2 Kings 18:13-19:37 and 2 Chronicles 32:1-21?
- Sennacherib's attempted invasion of Jerusalem is a type of the invasion of Gog
- Recall, the invasion of Gog in Ezekiel 38-39 is the second of God's two-phased judgment against Islam and its false god Allah
 - **Phase 1:** God brings judgment upon the **Arab** Muslim nations **round about** Israel (28:26) (e.g.- Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Palestinians) in the form of the destruction of Damascus (Isa 17), the desolation of Egypt (Isa 19), and the Psalm 83 War
 - **Phase 2:** God brings judgment upon the **non-Arab** Muslim nations (e.g.- Iran, Ethiopia, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Turkey)

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Summary Of Sennacherib And His Attempted Invasion Of Jerusalem

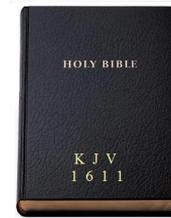
(2 Kin 18:13-19:37; 2 Chr 32:1-21; Isa 36:1-37:38)

- Sennacherib was the son of Sargon II and king of Assyria during the height of its power (705- 681 BC)
 - ✓ He defeated the Babylonians and captured Babylon in 689 BC
 - ✓ He moved the capital of the Assyrian empire from Dur-Sharrukin to Nineveh

- *Sennacherib* is an Akkadian word meaning “Sin (the moon god) multiplies brethren”
 - ✓ The moon god Sin was depicted by a crescent moon and the numeral 30 (i.e.-XXX)
 - ✓ *Sin* is the forerunner of *Allah*, the moon god of the Quraysh tribe of Arabia

- SENNACHERIB appears 13x (# of REBELLION; SIN) (2 Kin 18:13; 19:16,20,26; 2 Chr 32:1-2,9-10,22; Isa 36:1; 37:17,21,37)

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- Sennacherib invaded and took some defended cities in Judah in the 14th year of Hezekiah (2 Kin 18:13; 2 Chr 32:1; Isa 36:1)
- Hezekiah implemented a “PAY for peace” policy to appease Sennacherib, giving him 300 talents of silver (depleting the temple treasury in the process) and 30 talents of gold (stripping it off the doors of the temple since his father Ahaz had given all the gold from the temple treasury to Tiglath-Pileser) (2 Kin 18:14-16)
- The peace process failed to appease Sennacherib and it became evident that he intended on attacking Jerusalem (2 Chr 32:2)
- Hezekiah took counsel with his advisors and they took measures to strengthen their national defense and encourage the people in the Lord (2 Chr 32:3-8)
- Sennacherib sends Rab-shakeh (a chief servant and spokesman for the king of Assyria), Rabsaris (another chief servant), and Tartan (a military commander) with a great army to Jerusalem (2 Kin 18:17; Isa 36:2)
- The sight of the Assyrian’s **WARRIORS** was meant to **VISUALLY** terrorize the people while the sound of the Assyrian’s **WORDS** was meant to **VOCALLY** terrorize the people

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- The Assyrians come and stand by the conduit of the upper pool and call for Hezekiah, but Eliakim (chief of the household), Shebna (a scribe), and Joah (the recorder) come out (2 Kin 18:17-18; Isa 36:2-3)
- What followed was an intense negative propaganda campaign, consisting of 7 questions, intended to terrorize the people and blaspheme the Lord (2 Kin 18:19-25; 2 Chr 32:10-15; Isa 36:4-10)

2 Chr 32:10-15

Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

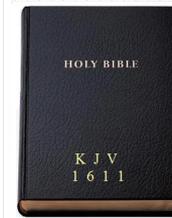
Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?



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