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# Bible Prophecy

*The Invasion Of Ezekiel 38-39*

# Ezekiel 38:4



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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?

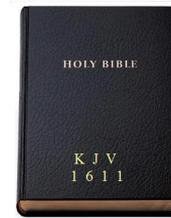
Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

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?

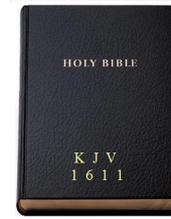
Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

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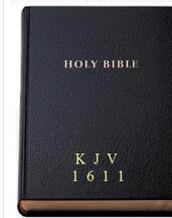


- The Jewish ambassadors requested that the Assyrians speak to them in the Syrian language so the people could not understand what was being said, but the Assyrians refused and continued shouting their insolent and blasphemous slogans (2 Kin 18:26-35; 2 Chr 32:16,18-19; Isa 36:11-20)
- The Jews did not issue a diplomatic response at that point, under commandment of Hezekiah, but went and told him all the words of Rabshakeh (2 Kin 18:36-37; Isa 36:21-22)
- Upon hearing the words, Hezekiah went immediately to the house of the Lord and sent his servants to Isaiah the prophet to request prayer for deliverance (2 Kin 19:1-5; Isa 37:1-5)
- Hezekiah implemented a “PRAY for peace” policy at this point
- Isaiah sent a response to Hezekiah stating that the Lord heard what the Assyrians said and that he will turn back the invasion and cause Sennacherib to die in his own land (2 Kin 19:6-7; Isa 37:6-7)
- When Rabshakeh and the Assyrians returned, they were distracted by war with Ethiopia, so they sent messengers back to Jerusalem with letters (i.e.-propaganda tracts) containing more insults and blasphemies (2 Kin 19:8-13; Isa 37:8-13)

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- Upon receipt of the letters, Hezekiah went immediately to the house of the Lord, spread the letters out before the Lord, and prayed for deliverance and for all kingdoms to know that the Lord is the only true God (2 Kin 19:14-19; 2 Chr 32:20; Isa 37:14-20)
- Isaiah sent Hezekiah the Lord's answer to his prayer
  - ✓ The Lord heard Hezekiah's prayer (2 Kin 19:20; Isa 37:21)
  - ✓ The king of Assyria and his messengers reproached and blasphemed the Lord (2 Kin 19:21-23; Isa 37:22-24)
  - ✓ The 5 "I's" of Sennacherib that reflect his deluded pride (2 Kin 19:23-24; Isa 37:24-25) cf. (Isa 10:13-14; 14:13-14)
  - ✓ The Lord gave Sennacherib the power to conquer lands as part of his divine plan and purpose (2 Kin 19:25-26; Isa 37:26-27)
  - ✓ The Lord reiterated his promise to completely turn back the invasion and promised that Israel would be fruitful in the land (2 Kin 19:27-34; Isa 37:28-35)



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