

# Isaiah

## “The Evangelical Prophet”

### V. Isaiah’s *Description* of the **Fourteenth Year** of **King Hezekiah** (36:1-39:8)

A. The *Taunts* from Sennacherib, the **King of Assyria** (36:1-22)

B. The *Tactful response* from **King Hezekiah** (37:1-20)

1. His *Posture* of **Humility** before **God** (37:1)

2. His *Pursuit* of **God’s Prophet** (37:2-7)

3. His *Persistent Threats* from **Rabshakeh** (37:8-13)

4. His *Prayer* for **Deliverance** (37:14-20)

C. The *Triumph* over the **Assyrian King** (37:21-38)

1. **God’s Response** to Hezekiah’s **Prayer** (37:21-29)

a. **Zion’s Mockery** of the **Assyrian King** (37:21-23)

<sup>21</sup> Then **Isaiah** the son of Amoz sent *word* to **Hezekiah**, saying,  
“Thus **says the LORD**, the **God of Israel**,

‘Because you have **prayed to Me** about **Sennacherib king of Assyria**,  
<sup>22</sup> this is **the word** that the **LORD** has spoken **against him**:

“**She** has **despised you** and **mocked you**,  
the **virgin daughter of Zion**;

**She** has **shaken her head** behind you,  
the **daughter of Jerusalem**!

<sup>23</sup> “**Whom** have you **reproached** and **blasphemed**?  
and against **whom** have you **raised your voice**  
and **haughtily** lifted up **your eyes**?  
**Against** the **Holy One of Israel**!

b. **Assyria’s Misguided Perspective** of her **Power** (37:24-27)

<sup>24</sup> “Through **your servants** you have **reproached the Lord**,  
and you have said,

'With my **many chariots** I came up to the **heights** of the **mountains**,  
to the remotest parts of **Lebanon**;

And I **cut down** its **tall cedars** and its **choice cypresses**.  
And I will go to its **highest peak**, its **thickest forest**.

<sup>25</sup> 'I **dug wells** and drank waters,

And with the **sole of my feet** I **dried up**  
all the **rivers of Egypt**.'

<sup>26</sup> "Have you **not heard**?

**Long ago** I **did it**,  
from **ancient times** I **planned it**.

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

<sup>27</sup> "Therefore their **inhabitants** were **short of strength**,  
they were **dismayed** and put to **shame**;

They were as the **vegetation** of the **field** and as the **green herb**,  
as **grass** on the **housetops** is **scorched** before it is **grown up**.

### c. **Sennacherib's Militancy Humbled** (37:28-29)

<sup>28</sup> "But I **know** your **sitting down**  
and your **going out** and your **coming in**  
and your **raging against Me**.

<sup>29</sup> "Because of your **raging against Me**  
and because your **arrogance** has come up to **My ears**,

Therefore I will put **My hook** in your **nose** and **My bridle** in your **lips**,  
and I will **turn you back** by **the way** which you came.

## 2. **God's Restoration** of the **Land** and its **People** (37:30-32)

<sup>30</sup> "Then this shall be the **sign** for **you** (Judah):  
you will eat **this year** what **grows of itself**,  
in the **second year** what **springs** from the **same**,  
and in the **third year** **sow, reap, plant vineyards** and **eat their fruit**.

<sup>31</sup> The **surviving remnant** of the house of **Judah** will **again**  
take **root downward** and **bear fruit upward**.

<sup>32</sup> For out of **Jerusalem** will go forth a **remnant** and out of **Mount Zion survivors**.  
The **zeal** of the **LORD of hosts** will **perform this**."

### 3. God's *Removal* of the Assyrian Threat (37:33-38)

- a. His *Defense* of Jerusalem (37:33-35)
- b. His *Destruction* of the Assyrian Army (37:36)
- c. The *Demise* of Sennacherib (37:37-38)

<sup>33</sup> "Therefore, thus says **the LORD** concerning the **king of Assyria**,  
'He will **not** come to **this city** or shoot an **arrow there**;  
and he will **not** come before it with a **shield**,  
or throw up a **siege ramp** against it.

<sup>34</sup> By **the way** that he came, by the **same** he will **return**,  
and he will **not** come to **this city**,' declares **the LORD**.

<sup>35</sup> 'For I will **defend** this **city** to **save it** for **My own sake**  
and for **My servant David's** sake.'

<sup>36</sup> Then the **angel of the LORD** went out and **struck 185,000** in the **camp**  
of the **Assyrians**; and when men arose early in the morning,  
behold, **all** of these were **dead**.

<sup>37</sup> So **Sennacherib king of Assyria** *departed*  
and returned *home* and lived at **Nineveh**.

<sup>38</sup> It came about as **he** was worshipping in the house of **Nisroch** his god,  
that **Adrammelech** and **Sharezer** his **sons killed him** with the **sword**;  
and they escaped into the land of **Ararat**.  
And **Esarhaddon** his **son** became **king** in his place.

## Personal Application God's response to **Hezekiah**—Key Observations

→A. A *Prayer* said in faith answered—

Then **Isaiah** the son of Amoz sent *word* to **Hezekiah**, saying,  
"Thus **says the LORD**, the **God of Israel**,

**Because** you have prayed to **Me** about **Sennacherib king of Assyria**,  
this is the word that **the LORD** has spoken **against him**: (37:21-22a)

→B. A *Position* reversed by **God**—The Assyrian king **Sennacherib**,  
who mocked **Hezekiah** and his **God**, would *now* be mocked.

this is the word that **the LORD** has spoken **against him** (Sennacherib):

"**She** has **despised you** and mocked you,

the **virgin daughter** of **Zion**;  
**She** has **shaken** her **head** behind you,  
the **daughter of Jerusalem!** (37:22)

→C. A **Powerful response** to an **arrogant empire** → It was the **sovereign power** of **God** that *allowed Assyria's successes on the battlefield.*

<sup>26</sup> "Have you **not heard**?  
**Long ago I did it,**  
from **ancient times I planned it.**

Now **I have** brought it to **pass,**  
that you should turn **fortified cities** into **ruinous heaps.** (37:26)

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The **horse** is **prepared** for the **day of battle,**  
But **victory belongs** to the **LORD.** (Proverbs 21:31)

→D. A **Proud** and **arrogant king abased** (Sennacherib)

Because of your **raging against Me**  
and because your **arrogance** has come up to **My ears,**

Therefore I will put **My hook** in your **nose** and **My bridle** in your **lips,**  
and I will **turn you back** by the **way** which **you came.**(37:29)

→E. A **Prosperity restored**—to the **land** and its **surviving remnant**  
(37:30-32)

→F. A **Protection promised**---to the **city of Jerusalem**

"Therefore, thus says **the LORD** concerning the **king of Assyria,**  
'He will **not** come to **this city** or shoot an **arrow there;**  
and he will **not** come before it with a **shield,**  
or throw up a **siege ramp** against it..." (37:33)

→G. A **Potent army struck down** by the **LORD**—

Then the **angel of the LORD** went out and **struck 185,000** in the **camp**  
of the **Assyrians;** and when men **arose** early in the morning,  
behold, all of these were **dead** (37:36)

→H. A **divine Prediction fulfilled** (37:37-38)

**Isaiah** said to them, "Thus you shall say to your **master (Hezekiah),**  
'Thus says **the LORD,** "Do **not** be **afraid...**  
Behold, I will put a **spirit** in him (**Sennacherib**)  
so that he will **hear a rumor** and **return** to his **own land.**  
And I will make him **fall** by the **sword** in his **own land.**" (37:6-7)

## Closing Comments