

## ISAIAH 37

Prose Vs. 1-21 (Prof. Gileadi's translation)

Poetry Vs. 22 – 35 (KJ translation)

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(See 2 Kings 19)

(Hezekiah – Orange, Isaiah – Green, Sennecherib King of Assyria – Pink, The Lord - Red)

Verse 1      When King Hezekiah heard it, he rent his clothes and put on sackcloth and entered the house of the Lord.

Verse 2      And he sent Eliakim the overseer of the palace, Shebna the secretary, and the elders of the priests in sackcloth to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.

(This verse appears out of sequence in the text)

Verse 5      And when King Hezekiah's servants came to Isaiah,

Verse 3      They said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah":

This is a woeful day,  
A day of reproof and disgrace.

Children have reached the point of birth,  
But there is not strength to deliver them.

Verse 4      It may be that the Lord your God has heard the words of Rabshaketh, whom his lord the King of Assyria has sent to scorn the Living God,

And will rebuke him for the things the Lord your God has heard, were you to offer up prayer on behalf of the remnant that is left.

(Here Hezekiah is asking if Isaiah will pray for Israel – Examples of times when Israel has been helped of the Lord: 1. When Israel to a man was righteous 2. When one righteous part of Israel or prophet's plea saved the rest.)

Verse 6      And Isaiah said to them,

Tell your lord (Hezekiah),  
Thus says The Lord:

Be not afraid because of the words with which you have heard the King of Assyria's subordinates ridicule me.

Verse 7      See, I will give him a notion to return home upon hearing a rumor, and I will cause him to fall by a sword in his own land.

Verse 8 And when Rabshaketh heard that the King of Assyria had left Lachish, he withdrew and found him fighting against Libnah.

Verse 9 Now Sennacherib received a report that Tirhakah, King of Cush (Ethiopia) had set out to fight against him. And when he heard it he sent messengers to Hezekiah, telling them:

Verse 10 Speak thus to Hezekiah King of Judah:

Let not your god in whom you trust delude you into thinking that Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the King of Assyria.

Verse 11 You yourself have heard what the Kings of Assyria have done, annexing all lands. Shall you then escape?

Verse 12 Did the gods of the nations my fathers destroyed deliver them? Did they deliver Gozan and Haran, Rezeph and the Edenites in Tel Asssar?

Verse 13 Where are the kings of Hamath and Arpad and the kings of the cities of Spharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?

Verse 14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord and unrolled it before the Lord.

Verse 15 And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord and said,

Verse 16 O Lord of Hosts,  
God of Israel,  
Who sittest enthroned between the cherubim,  
Thou alone art God over all the kingdoms of the earth.  
It is Thou who madest the heavens and the earth...

(This phrase is a reference to the Ark of the Covenant - 1Sam 4:4 and to the Lord's throne, which was situated between the cherubim on top of the ark - Ex. 25: 18-22. UI Pg. 326)

Verse 17 O Lord, give ear and hear:  
O Lord, open thine eyes and see,  
Listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to mock the Living God.

Verse 18 O Lord,

Verse 19 The kings of Assyria have indeed destroyed all peoples and their lands. Committing their gods to the fire. For they were no gods, but mere works of men's hands, of wood and of stone, and so they could destroy them.

Verse 20                    But now, O Lord, Our God,  
                                 Deliver us out of his hand,  
                                 That all kingdoms on earth may know that thou alone art Lord.

Verse 21                Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent word to Hezekiah, saying,

                                 Thus says the Lord,  
                                 The God of Israel,

Verse 22                    Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib King of  
                                 Assyria, this is what the Lord has spoken against him:

                                 The Virgin, The Daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and hath  
                                 laughed thee to scorn,  
                                 The Daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

Verse 23                    Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed?  
(and)                    Against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine  
                                 eyes on high?

                                 Thou hast reproached and blasphemed,  
                                 Thou hast exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high,

                                 AGAINST THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL!

Verse 24                    **By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast  
                                 said:**

                                 By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of  
                                 the mountains,  
                                 By the multitude of my chariots am I come to the sides of  
                                 Lebanon.

(and)                    I will cut down the tall cedars thereof,  
                                 I will cut down the choice fir trees (cypresses) thereof.

(and)                    I will enter into the height of his border,  
(and)                    I will enter into the forest of his Carmel.  
                                 (I have reached its loftiest summit, its finest forest.)

Verse 25                    I have digged (wells),  
(and)                    I have drunk (of foreign) water(s),

(and)                    I dried up all the rivers with the soles of my feet,  
(have)                    I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places (Egypt's rivers)!

- Verse 26 (and) Hast thou heard long ago, how I have done it?  
Hast thou heard of ancient time, that I have formed (planned) it?
- Now I have brought it to pass,  
Now I have laid waste to defenced cities and made  
them into ruinous heaps?
- Verse 27 (Therefore) Their inhabitants were of small power,  
They were dismayed and confounded.
- They were as the grass of the field,  
They were as the green herb.
- (and) They were as the grass on the housetops,  
They were as corn blasted before it be grown up.
- Verse 28 **But:**
- (and) I (the Lord) know thy abode,  
(and) I (the Lord) know thy coming in,  
(and) I (the Lord) know thy rage against me.
- Verse 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. (See Psalms 32: 9-10)
- Verse 30 (And) **This shall be a sign unto thee:**
- (and) Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself,  
(and) Ye shall eat the second year that which springeth of the same,  
(and) In the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards and eat  
the fruit thereof.
- Verse 31 (And) The remnant that is escaped of the House of Judah shall again  
take root *downward*,  
The remnant that is escaped of the House of Judah shall again  
bear fruit *upward*.
- Verse 32 (For)  
(And) Out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant,  
Out of Mount Zion shall go forth they that escape,
- THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS SHALL DO THIS!

(Remnant of Jerusalem – Jewish People, Those from Mount Zion – Saints – See Isaiah 19  
- 5 Loyal Cities from Egypt that speak Hebrew – one of those cities will be called “The City of  
Righteousness”)

Verse 33                    **Therefore, thus saith the Lord concerning the King of Assyria:**

He shall not come into this city,  
He shall not shoot an arrow here,  
He shall not come before it with shields (armor),  
He shall not cast a bank against it (siegeworks).

Verse 34                    By the way that he came,  
By the same shall he return,

(and)                    **He shall not come into this city, saith the Lord:**

Verse 35                    (For)                    I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake,  
(and)                    I will defend this city for my servant David’s sake.

(The covenant that the Lord made with David is unconditional.)

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Verse 36                    Then the angel of the Lord went out and slew a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. And when men arose in the morning, there lay all their dead bodies!

(Historical Armageddon – An equivalent amount of men today in the U.S. would be about 200,000,000– Also this is a type of what happened to Joshua of Ephraim in the conquest of Canaan – Joshua 10:14 – a true time when God intervened directly in battle for Israel.)

Verse 37                    So Sennacherib, King of Assyria, broke camp and withdrew. And he returned to Niniveh, where he dwelt.

Verse 38                    And as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer slew him with a sword and fled to the land of Ararat. And his son Esar-haddon succeeded him as king.