

ISAIAH – The LORD is the Holy One of Israel
Lesson 7 – Outline
Historical Transition from Assyrian Threat to Babylonian Exile
(Book of Hezekiah)
Isaiah 36:1 – 39:8

Sennacherib, King of Assyria, Marches toward Jerusalem – Verses 36:1 – 36:22 & 2Kings 18:13, 17 – 37

- * In 701 B.C. Sennacherib attacked all the fortified cities of Judah, then sent a message to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem through Eliakim, Shebna and Joah (vs 36:1 – 36:20) –**
 - The meeting was held between Sennacherib’s field commander and Hezekiah’s representatives (vs 36:1-3)**
 - His message was: Tell Hezekiah, on whom are you depending that you rebel against me? (vs 36:4-7):**
 - Is it Pharaoh, king of Egypt? (vs 36:6)**
 - Is it the LORD, your God? (vs 36:7)**
 - Make a bargain with the king of Assyria (vs 36:8-20):**
 - I will give you 2000 horses, do not depend on Egypt (vs 36:8- 9)**
 - The LORD told me to march against this country and destroy it (vs 36:10)**
 - Meanwhile, Eliakim, Shebna and Joah pleaded with the commander to not speak in Hebrew (vs 36:11)**
 - But the commander spoke in Hebrew so that the people could understand when he said: “Hear the words of the great...king of Assyria” (vs 36:12-13)**
 - Do not let Hezekiah deceive you (vs 36:14-15)**
 - Do not listen to Hezekiah (vs 36:16-17)**
 - Do not let Hezekiah mislead you (vs 36:18-20)**
- * But the people remained silent (vs 36:21 – 36:22) –**
 - Because Hezekiah had commanded them not to answer (vs 36:21)**
 - Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah went to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and told him what the field commander had said (vs 36:22)**

A Plea, a Prophecy, a Prayer, a Plan and a Promise – Verses 37:1 – 37:38 & 2 Kings 19:1 – 37

- * A Plea from King Hezekiah (vs 37:1 – 37:4) –**
 - When King Hezekiah heard this, he put on sackcloth, went into the temple before the LORD and sent Eliakim, Shebna and Joah to the prophet Isaiah (vs 37:1-2)**
 - Please pray to the LORD your God to rebuke Sennacherib who has ridiculed the Living God and pray for the remnant of Judah that still survives (37:3-4)**
- * A Prophecy from Isaiah about the King of Assyria from the LORD (vs 37:5 – 37:13) –**
 - Tell Hezekiah do not be afraid (vs 37:5-6)**
 - Listen! I am going to put a spirit in him that when he hears a certain report he will return to his own country and be cut down with the sword (vs 37:7)**
 - Sennacherib received a report that the king of Egypt was coming to fight him so he sent a message to Hezekiah mocking Hezekiah’s God (vs 37:8-13)**

*** A Prayer to the LORD from Hezekiah (vs 37:14 – 37:20) –**

- Hezekiah received the message from Sennacherib and went to the temple and prayed to the LORD (vs 37:14-15)
- He prayed (vs 37:16-20):
 - O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, You alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. (vs 37:16)
 - Give ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes and see; listen to Sennacherib and his insults of the Living God. (vs 37:17-19)
 - O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that You alone, O LORD, are God. (vs 37:20)

*** A Plan to defeat Sennacherib (vs 37:21 – 37:29) –**

- Isaiah sent a message to Hezekiah from the LORD, the God of Israel that says: Because you prayed this is the word the LORD has spoken against Sennacherib (vs 37:21):
 - The Virgin Daughter of Zion despises and mocks you; the Daughter of Jerusalem tosses her head as you flee (vs 37:22)
 - You have insulted and blasphemed the Holy One of Israel (vs 37:23)
 - You have insulted the Lord with your five “I have’s”: with my many chariots I have ascended the heights of the mountains, cut down its tallest cedars, reached its remotest heights, dug wells in foreign lands and dried up all the streams of Egypt (vs 37:24-25)
 - Have you not heard long ago I ordained it, in days of old I planned it; now I have brought it to pass; that you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone so that their people drained of power are dismayed and put to shame (vs 37:26-27)
 - But I know where you stay, when you come and go and how you rage against Me. Because your insolence has reached My ears, I will put My hook in your nose, My bit in your mouth, and I will make you return by the way you came (vs 37:28-29)

*** A Promise for Hezekiah (vs 37:30 – 37:38) –**

- Promise for a three year sign: first year – eat what grows; second year – what springs from that; third year – sow and reap, plant vineyards and eat their fruit (vs 37:30)
- Promise for a remnant of the house of Judah out of Jerusalem & Mt. Zion (vs 37:31-32)
- Promise that the king of Assyria will not enter Jerusalem (vs 37:33-34)
- Promise that the LORD will defend & save Jerusalem for His and David’s sake (vs 37:35)
- The result was the angel of the LORD put to death 185,000 Assyrians; Sennacherib withdrew and returned to Ninevah, where he was cut down with a sword in the temple of his god, Nisroch (vs 37:36-38)

Hezekiah's Life Extended – Verses 38:1 – 38:22 & 2 Kings 20:1 – 11

- * Sometime before 701 B. C. Hezekiah became ill and near death (vs 38:1 – 38:3) –**
 - Isaiah went to him and said, “This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover.” (vs 38:1)**
 - Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, then wept bitterly (vs 38:2-3)**
- * The word of the LORD came to Isaiah: “Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘. . . I have heard your prayer . . . ; I will add fifteen years to your life. And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria.” (vs 38:4 – 38:6)**
- * The LORD's sign to Hezekiah that He would do what He promised (vs 38:7 – 38:8) –**
 - He would make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz and it did (vs 38:8)**
- * Hezekiah's writing after his illness and recovery (vs 38:9 – 38:20) –**
 - His hymn of thanksgiving first voicing his complaint (vs 38:10-14):**
 - Must I go through the gates of death? (vs 38:10)**
 - No longer will I look on mankind (vs 38:11)**
 - Like a weaver I have rolled up my life (vs 38:12)**
 - I waited patiently until dawn (vs 38:13)**
 - I am troubled; O Lord, come to my aid! (vs 38:14)**
 - His hymn of thanksgiving offering praise for God's healing (vs 38:15-20):**
 - I will walk humbly all my years because of this anguish of my soul (vs 38:15)**
 - You restored me to health and let me live (vs 38:16)**
 - In Your love You kept me and put all my sins behind Your back (vs 38:17)**
 - Death cannot sing Your praise or hope for Your faithfulness (vs 38:18)**
 - The living praise You, as I am doing today (vs 38:19)**
 - The LORD will save me, we will sing all the days of our lives (vs 38:20)**
- * Isaiah had said, “Prepare a poultice of figs and apply it to the boil, and he will recover.” (vs 38:21)**
- * Hezekiah asked, “What will be the sign that I will go up to the temple of the LORD?” (vs 38:22)**

Isaiah Prophesied to Hezekiah about the Babylonian Exile – Verses 39:1 – 8 & 2 Kings 20:12 – 19

- * Merodach – Baladan of Babylon attempted to form an alliance with Hezekiah against Assyria sometime between 709 BC – 703 BC (vs 39:1 – 39:2) –**
 - Hezekiah received the Babylonian envoys (vs 39:2)**
 - Hezekiah showed them his storehouse of treasures (vs 39:2)**
- * Isaiah came to Hezekiah and prophesied to him (vs 39:3 – 39:7) –**
 - Isaiah asked Hezekiah about the Babylonian envoys (vs 39:3-4)**
 - Isaiah prophesied to Hezekiah: Hear the word of the LORD. A time is coming when everything in your palace will be carried off to Babylon, some of your descendants will be taken away and become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon (vs 39:5-7)**
- * Hezekiah's response was that the word of the LORD is good and there will be peace and security in my lifetime (vs 39:8)**

