

HEZEKIAH AND THE ASSYRIANS, ACT 2:
HEZEKIAH PRAYS
(2 Kings 19:1-19)

- I. Seeks INTERVENTION from Isaiah (2 Kings 19:1-5)
 - A. Hezekiah went to the TEMPLE in MOURNING
 - B. He sent a DELEGATION to ask ISAAH for PRAYER
 - 1. Called it a “day of DISTRESS, REBUKE, and REJECTION”
 - 2. Admits he is HELPLESS to DEFEND the capital
 - 3. Yet the Assyrians have REPROACHED the LIVING God
 - 4. Asks Isaiah to PRAY for the REMNANT that is left

- II. Receives ENCOURAGEMENT from Isaiah (2 Kings 19:6-7)
 - A. “Do not be AFRAID of their BLASPHEMY”
 - B. “I will make him hear a rumor which will cause him to WITHDRAW, and he will DIE in his HOMELAND”

- III. Provokes More THREATS from Rabshakeh (2 Kings 19:8-13)
 - A. Sennacharib had moved to REINFORCE the siege at Libna
 - B. Tirhakah, king of CUSH/ETHIOPIA, was moving against the ASSYRIANS
 - C. Sennacharib restated his THREATS and BLASPHEMIES
 - 1. “Don’t let your God DECEIVE you”

2. “Assyria has destroyed ALL THE LANDS, and you can’t ESCAPE”
3. “The GODS of the nations are POWERLESS against me”
4. “The KINGS who stood against me have been EXECUTED”

IV. Trusts the NATION to GOD’S Protection (2 Kings 19:14-19)

- A. *Disclosure*: SILENTLY admitted his HELPLESSNESS (v. 14)
- B. *Invocation*: Acknowledged God’s GREATNESS (v. 15)
 1. Approaches a God of INTENSE PRESENCE
 2. Approaches a God of SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY
 3. Approaches a God of UNLIMITED POWER
- C. *Complaint*: Asked for God’s ATTENTION (vv. 16-18)
 1. Sennacharib’s claims are TRUE concerning the destruction of the NATIONS
 2. Sennacharib is DECEIVED concerning the destruction of their GODS
- D. *Supplication*: Asked for God’s HELP (v. 19)
 1. “DELIVER us from his hand”
 2. “Prove to all the kingdoms of the earth that YOU ALONE ARE GOD”

V. Lessons

- A. Even with a promise of DELIVERANCE, we may have to live a long time in DISTRESS
- B. Our DECISIONS will be based on our THEOLOGY
- C. Speaking truth ABOUT God TO God helps make us CONFIDENT in God