

HEZEKIAH AND THE ASSYRIANS, ACT 3:
GOD DELIVERS
(2 Kings 19:20-37)

- I. Isaiah's ORACLE (2 Kings 19:20-34)
 - A. God was RESPONDING to Hezekiah's PRAYER
 - B. A TAUNT-song for Sennacherib (19:20-28)
 - 1. Announcing Jerusalem's SCORN (19:21)
 - 2. Specifying Sennacherib's SIN (19:22-23a)
 - 3. Quoting Sennacherib's BOASTS (19:23b-24)
 - 4. Exposing Sennacherib's IGNORANCE (19:25-26)
 - 5. Preparing Sennacherib's HUMILIATION (19:27-28)
 - C. A SIGN for Jerusalem (19:29-31)
 - 1. A promise of SHORT-term PROVISION
 - 2. A promise of LONG-term RESTORATION
 - 3. It would be accomplished by "the ZEAL of the LORD"
 - D. A PROPHECY for all (19:32-34)
 - 1. Sennacherib will neither ENTER the city nor seriously THREATEN it
 - 2. Sennacherib will SCURRY back HOME
 - 3. God would deliver Jerusalem for HIS OWN sake and DAVID'S

II. God's PERFORMANCE (2 Kings 19:35-37)

A. The DESTRUCTION of the Assyrian army

1. During the NIGHT "the angel of the Lord" killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers
2. When the rest of the army rose in the morning, they saw all the CORPSES

B. The DEATH of Sennacherib

1. He went back to LIVE in NINEVEH
2. He was ASSASSINATED by two SONS, and succeeded by his youngest son Esarhaddon

III. Lessons

A. God CHASTENS His wayward people for THEIR GOOD

B. God DELIVERS His people for HIS GLORY

C. God has a word of REBUKE for the SINNER, but is always eager to CONSOLE His PEOPLE

D. The best antidote to PRIDE is a reminder of God's SOVEREIGNTY