

2 Kings 19

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19 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. (Finally, Hezekiah calls on God for help) 1Corinthians-10:13

²And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. (He sent them to Isaiah, to hear what God says)

³And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. (A figure of speech indicating that the mother will die in childbirth due to lack of strength)

⁴It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left. (Thy God - not OUR God? - This says it all. Yehovah was not their God. Now we learn why things went badly for Judah)

⁵So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. (Isaiah = Yah has saved)

⁶And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Isaiah-10:24 (God gives us the same advice about the coming Assyrian of the end days <antichrist>)

⁷Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. (Judgment against the king of Assyria)

⁸So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. (By now, Lachish had fallen, and they were trying to take Libnah)

⁹And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto

Hezekiah, saying, (Tirhakah king of Ethiopia by birth; king of Egypt by conquest)

(If Egypt comes out to fight Assyria, they need Jerusalem to surrender quickly, because time is not on their side. God sent this rumor to undue Assyria for their blasphemy)

¹⁰ Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. (He was confronting God directly, now)

¹¹ Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? (The other lands worshipped idols. Judah worshiped Yahoveh – the living God)

¹² Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar? (Again, this is more propaganda to intimidate the people of Jerusalem into surrendering. He was naming more nations that they had conquered)

¹³ Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah? (All defeated by the Assyrians)

¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. (A good thing to do; when you can't do any more, turn it over to God) 2Corinthians-12:10

¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

¹⁶ LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. (reproach = defy or blaspheme) (the living God – there is only one God. The rest are lifeless idols)

¹⁷ Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, (These are the vassal kings serving the king of Assyria)

¹⁸ And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

¹⁹ Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD God, even thou only. (Show the world that there is a God in heaven. All people are God's children)

²⁰ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. (Senachareb has blasphemed God. Now he'll pay for it)

²¹ This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. (Spiritually faithful to God; Jerusalem will mock the Assyrians after they have departed) (God wasn't intimidated by the Assyrians. He was laughing at their haughtiness)

²² Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. (Talking to the king of Assyria)

(In the end times, antichrist will be referred to as the Assyrian in Revelation)

²³ By thy messengers thou hast reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, and into the forest of his Carmel. (They took the 10 northern tribes. They thought that no one could stop them from taking Jerusalem)

²⁴ I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places. (The word, rivers, is "Ye", in the Hebrew and it refers to the Nile. The Assyrians say they will defeat Judah, then move on and defeat Egypt)

²⁵ Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps. (God

created the Nile. HE is calling out the Assyrians; not good for them. HE allowed them to defeat other nations. HE can stop them at any time)

²⁶ Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the house tops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. (These are the nations that fell to the Assyrians. They were nothing compared to the might of God)

²⁷ But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. (The Assyrians are a type for Satan. Like the Assyrian, Satan has been raging against God since the first earth age)

²⁸ Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will 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. (This was a common way to treat a defeated king. The ultimate abasement)

²⁹ And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. (The Judeans that took refuge in the fenced cities will be able to return to their farms. There will be food there for 2 years. The Assyrians will be gone)

³⁰ And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

³¹ For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this. (Also prophetic for the escape of the Elect from Satan in the end times)

³² Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

³³ By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. (God will turn him around in his own tracks)

³⁴ For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. 2Samuel-7 (One of David's descendants would always sit on the throne. This will later be Jesus who will sit on the throne for ever)

³⁵ And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. (This is God, in angelic form)

³⁶ So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

³⁷ And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead. (Nisroch- the head and wings of an eagle on the body of a man) (This assassination of Senachareb is also documented on an Assyrian tablet on display in the British museum)