

Sunday, August 11, 2019

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

43. Sennacherib's Boast – [Isa. 36:1-37:7](#)

Isaiah demonstrates what faith can do in times of political and national crisis by restating what God has already said He will do.

- I. Sennacherib's Conquests – [36:1-3](#)
 - A. Cities Conquered and Emptied
 - B. The Rabshakeh – Field Commander of the Assyrian Army
 - C. Lachish – Burial Site SW of Jerusalem – 15k bodies, Tyre, Philistia, Egypt
 - D. Hezekiah Offers Tribute – [2 Kings 18:13-16](#)
- II. Sennacherib's Offer – [36:4-10](#)
 - A. Reliance on Egypt will Fail (vs. 4-7)
 - B. Can't Trust the Lord (removed high places) (vs. 7) – [2 Kings 18:4](#)
 - C. Judah Lacks Manpower to Resist (vs. 8-9)
 - D. Assyria is on a Divinely Appointed Mission (vs. 10)
- III. Sennacherib's Blasphemy – [36:11-21](#)
 - A. Ignoring Officials to Speak to the People (politicians make wars, people fight and die in them)
 - B. Offers for Peace and Relocation
 - C. Don't Trust Hezekiah, or the Lord
 - D. Blaspheming the Lord of Hosts
- IV. Hezekiah's Panic – [36:22-37:4](#)
 - A. Repentance and Confession – the end of human strength
 - B. Send for the Preacher – tell him to pray!
- V. Isaiah's Reassurance – [37:5-7](#)
 - A. Isaiah Does Not Pray
 - B. Isaiah Reiterates God's Promise
 - C. God Sends a Lying Spirit – [1 Kings 22:21-23](#); [2 Thess. 2:11](#); [Rev. 17:17](#); [John 8:44](#) – “Those who merit delusion are visited with error.”
 - D. Judgment of the “Great King” (no mention here of army's destruction) – see [Isa. 14:24-27](#); [31:8](#); [2 Kings 18:32-37](#)