

Sunday, August 18, 2019

God is My Salvation – Isaiah

44. Hezekiah's Prayer – [Isaiah 37:8-38](#)

I. Sennacherib's Letter – [vs. 8-13](#)

A. Assyrian Army Moves North – vs. 8-9a

B. The Threatening Letter – vs. 9b-13

1. From Hezekiah's deceiving the people to God deceiving them – [36:14; Gen. 3:1](#)
2. Assyrian Invincibility – destroying all nations
3. Assyrian Immunity – defeating all gods
4. Assyria will “utterly destroy” – consecrate, dedicate to destruction for his god(s)
5. Where is the king? – a personal threat to Hezekiah

II. Hezekiah's Prayer – [vs. 14-20](#)

A. From Panic to Prayer – Hezekiah takes the letter to the Lord

B. The Prayer

1. Lord of Hosts – omnipotent
2. God of Israel – chosen people – [2 Kings 18:1-8](#)
3. Enthroned between the Cherubim – sovereignty
 - a. Mercy Seat – [Exodus 37:6-9; Ezek. 1:22-28; Psa. 99:1-5; 132:7](#)
 - b. Representing all created excellence
 - 1) Lion – wild beasts
 - 2) Ox – domesticated animals
 - 3) Eagle – birds
 - 4) Man – the greatest creature created in God's image – [Gen. 1:26-27](#)
 - c. As Sovereign:
 - 1) God made all – [Isa. 40:28; Gen. 2:4](#)
 - 2) God preserves all – [Neh. 9:6; Isa. 45:12, 18; Col. 1:17](#)
 - 3) God controls all – [Prov. 21:1; Job 12:23; Prov. 16:33; Eph. 1:11](#)
 - 4) God guides all to its appointed destiny – [Matt. 10:29](#)
4. You are God, You alone – an appeal to the Lord who actually and truly rules and reigns – [Psa. 86:10; Mark 2:7](#)
5. Creator of All, over all kingdoms – [Rev. 19:16](#)
6. The Living God – sees, hears – [Rev. 9:20](#) (idols)
7. Sennacherib's Reproach – [Psa. 74:10, 22; Isa. 37:4](#) – taunt, blaspheme, insult
8. Idols and Nations overthrown
9. Save Us!
10. You Alone are Yahweh

III. The Lord's Answer – [vs. 21-35](#)

A. A Word – [vs. 21-29](#)

1. Armies, Diplomacy, Money – all failed
2. Prayer Succeeded!
3. God planned this long ago – prayer is the means by which God brings eternal counsels to pass – the Lord performs foreordained purposes in answer to prayer
4. “I have heard” – [2 Kings 19:20](#)
 - a. Untouched by the marauder, Judah will mock Assyria in their retreat (vs. 22)
 - b. Who has Assyria blasphemed? The Holy One of Israel (vs. 23)
 - c. The Great Assyrian “I” (vs. 24-25)
 - d. Divine Sovereignty is Absolute (vs. 26-29)
 - 1) I did it – ordained
 - 2) I planned it (molded, as Potter)
 - 3) I brought it to pass
 - 4) The hard facts of human history are the plans of God – [Isa. 45:7](#)
 - 5) Assyria is morally responsible though Divinely driven – [Isa. 54:16](#)

B. A Sign – [vs. 30-35](#)

1. The Faithful Sovereign (vs. 30-32)
 - a. Gives a sign to prove He is in control
 - b. Remnant will take root and bear fruit
2. The Preserving Sovereign (vs. 33-35)
 - a. I will defend this city and save it
 - b. For My sake – character and nature of God as Savior
 - c. For David’s sake – covenantal promises – God will keep His Word!

IV. Sennacherib’s Defeat and Death – [vs. 36-38](#)

A. The Angel of the LORD – [Gen. 22:11, 15; Exodus 3:2](#)

B. Sennacherib’s Retreat and Death – civil war between brothers, youngest son succeeded

C. The Lord of Hosts, He Alone is God

1. Word – [Isa. 31:2](#)
2. Spirit – [Isa. 37:7](#)
3. Hand – [Isa. 31:3](#)
4. Arm – [Isa. 30:30](#)
5. Angel – [Isa. 37:36](#)

The Sign – Even with 2 years of no planting, crops will grow and there will be a sufficient harvest to sustain the people. The invasion of 702 prevented sowing, and even though the threat was lifted by 701, the fields could not be worked as the Assyrians evacuated. They could not work the fields until 700.