

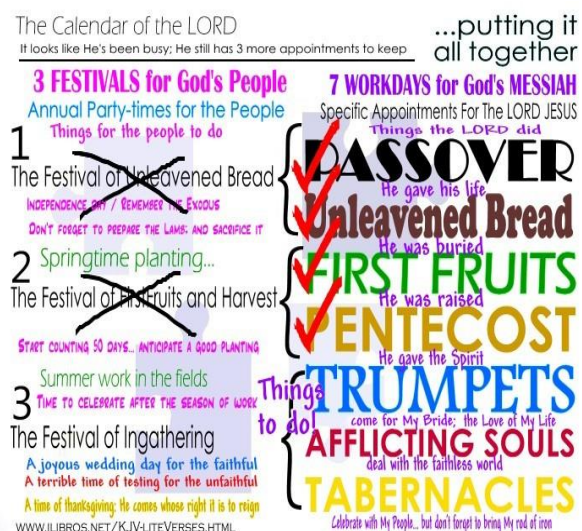
ISAIAH 37 vs 1

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Beginning in chapter 24 and through this chapter, Isaiah was instructed of the LORD to address all the major actors, even those who made a covenant with death and lies, and hell... people so evil they would murder their own children... even till the time of the end of the Gentile nations and Messiah comes in power and great glory...

But in these chapters 36 – 39 (2 Kings 18:13 – 20.), Isaiah is also a historian at the time of king Hezekiah as Assyrian forces were advancing to Zion, the city of David, sent by God due to their faithless and traitorous treatment of Him as they presumed on His grace, while they followed after the neighbors traditions, leading to the demonic worship of Baal.



¹ And when king Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and entered the house of the LORD.

² And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests clothed in sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. ³ And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah: This day is a day of trouble, rebuke, and blasphemy: for the child is ready to be born, but unable to deliver /
in other words: We are in the most extreme danger, and are powerless to prevent it.

⁴ Perhaps the LORD your God will hear the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his boss the king of Assyria sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore, offer prayer for the remnant that is left.

⁵ So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

⁶ And Isaiah said to them, Thus you will say to your boss, Thus says the LORD: Do **not be afraid of the words that you heard, wherein the servants of the king of Assyria blasphemed Me.**

⁷ Watch this, I will put a spirit in him, and he will hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will make him fall by the sword in his own land / and that is exactly what history tells us happened.

The Threat from Assyria,

⁸ So the Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he heard that the king departed from Lachish / about 25 miles SW of Jerusalem; suddenly the Assyrians are finding pockets of resistance, dividing their military strength.

⁹ When he heard them say concerning Tirhakah king of Cush, He has come to make war with you. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah / so the previous orders are changed, saying,

¹⁰ Thus will you say to Hezekiah king of Judah: Do not let your God, whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

¹¹ Look, you heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, destroying them completely; so will you be delivered? / do you really think Jerusalem will be spared?

¹² Did the demon gods of those nations which my fathers destroyed deliver them, such as Gozan, Haran, Rezeph, and the sons of Eden who were in Telassar?

¹³ Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arphad, the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? / kingdoms both west and east of Assyria that easily came under their dominion.

¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it: then Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the Lord.

¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, saying,

¹⁶ O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, who dwells above the cherubim, You are God, even You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: You made heaven and earth. ¹⁷ Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who sent them to reproach the living God.

¹⁸ Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries, and their lands, ¹⁹ and threw their demon gods into the fire: for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands, of wood and stone: so, they destroyed them.

²⁰ And now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD, even You alone / and you can hear the king add AMEN!

²¹ Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying: Thus says the LORD God of **Israel**, because you prayed to Me about Sennacherib king of Assyria: ²² **this is the word the LORD speaks against him:** The virgin, the daughter, Zion, she has despised you, and mocked you; the daughter of Jerusalem shakes her head at you.

²³ Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against whom have you lifted your voice, and pridefully lifted your eyes? even against the **Holy One of Israel** / their Savior.

²⁴ Through your messengers, you reproached the LORD, and said, with my many chariots I came up to the heights of the mountains, to the remote parts of Lebanon; and I cut down its tall cedars and its choice cypresses: and I will go to its highest peaks, and its lush forests of Carmel. ²⁵ I dug wells, and drank the waters; and when I put my foot down, I dried up all the rivers of Egypt / **and it is as if the LORD said, I've heard enough; and interrupts this braggart:** and He answers:

²⁶ **Have you not heard?** Long ago I did it; from ancient times **I planned it?** Now it happened, that you should turn fortified cities into ruinous heaps. ²⁷ So, the residents were short of strength, they were dismayed and ashamed: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, or as grain is scorched before it is grown.

²⁸ **But I know where you live:** when you go out, when you go in, and your rage against Me; ²⁹ and since you rage against Me, and your arrogance has come to My ears, so I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and will return you by the way you came / like a bossy cowboy, the LORD is going to treat him like the bullheaded brute he is.

God's assurance to Jerusalem,

³⁰ **This will be a sign to you: You will eat this year what grows of itself; in the second year what springs from the same: and in the third year you will sow, reap, and plant vineyards, and eat its fruit.**

³¹ And the remnant of the **house of Judah** that survives will again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

³² For from Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors: the zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this / after 3 years, Jerusalem would be restored to normal.

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God's assurance to Sennacherib,

³³ **Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He will **not** come into this city, or shoot a missile there, or come before it with a shield, or throw up a rampart against it.**

³⁴ **By the way that he came, by the same way he will return, and will not come into this city, says the LORD.**

³⁵ **For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.**

³⁶ **Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and whacked 185,000 Assyrians in the camp:** / I think Hollywood has mis-colored and stained our thinking about the great citizens of eternity... as if they were folks just sitting around, strumming on harps; obviously, this angel knew how to get down to business; and was quite successful.

and when men arose early in the morning, / probably fearful, defeated men, certainly cautious men of Judah, starting with the watchers on the wall, at first wondering why they did not hear any of the normal noises in the camp... trumpets blowing, orders being barked; or see any of the typical activities, cooks at work, soldiers up at dawn, and the watcher's finally peered over the bulwark.
Look, they all were dead!

³⁷ **So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.** / I bet in a hurry, maybe holding his crotch and even muttering,

³⁸ **And it happened,** as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that **his sons** Adrammelech and Sharezer **killed him** with the sword; and they escaped to the land of Armenia: and his son Esarhaddon reigned in his place.

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