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A HOPELESS SITUATION

It was in the years 710-682 B.C. that the Kingdom of Judah found itself in a dire state. King Hezekiah had begun to reign and he removed the places of idol worship and destroyed the brazen serpent. He loved the Lord with all his heart. **2 Kings 18:1-7**

Hezekiah reigned for 14 years when the King Sennacherib of Assyria invaded and conquered many of the cities throughout Judah. Hezekiah tried to use diplomacy to induce Sennacherib to return home and was told a bribe was in order. **verses 13-16**

The king of Assyria took all the silver and gold and then pulled a double-cross by laying siege to Jerusalem. **verses 17-18**

Rabshakeh, the captain of the Assyrian army mocked the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by telling the soldiers on the wall to revolt against Hezekiah and surrender because the situation was hopeless. **verses 19-35**

SEEKING THE LORD

When Hezekiah received the news from his commander, he realized the army of Judah was no match for the Assyrians. Hezekiah rent his clothes, put on sackcloth and went to the house of the Lord. All the elders and priest joined him at the temple. **2 Kings 19:1-2**

WHERE IS THE PROPHET?

Hezekiah needed a word from the Lord and sent a message to the prophet Isaiah. **verses 3-5**

God told Isaiah that Sennacherib and his army would panic and leave for Assyria. **verses 6-7**

SATAN NEVER GIVES UP

Rabshakeh returned a second time to besiege Jerusalem and told the people that their God was powerless to deliver them from the Assyrians. He asserted that no god had been able to stand against the might of the Assyrian army. **verses 8-13**

CALLING UPON THE LIVING GOD

When Hezekiah heard the grave news, he went straight to the temple and talked to God with great urgency. **verses 14-19**

GOD WAS IN CONTROL ALL ALONG

God replied through the prophet Isaiah that He had heard the imprecatory prayer concerning the king of Assyria and assured Hezekiah that the Assyrians would withdraw because He was going to deal with them. **verses 20-28**



GOD GAVE A SIGN

Before any action was carried out by God, the Lord told Hezekiah and the people that they were going to prosper. They would have a great harvest and plenty of food. God would force the Assyrians back to Nineveh. **verses 29-34**

ANSWERED PRAYER

The angel of the Lord was dispatched to visit the Assyrian camp and kill every soldier. A total of 185,000 thousand men were executed that night. **verse 35**

King Sennacherib returned to Nineveh where he was subsequently murdered by two of his sons as he worshiped in the temple of his idol. **verses 36-37**

GOD RESPONDS TO BOLD PRAYER

The Assyrians mocked God and His people. Imprecatory prayer was spoken that saw the king and his army killed. In the United States we have political leaders that openly mock God and His people. The homosexuals and the transgender people embrace a lifestyle that contradicts the Lord's instructions and they are actively working to seduce children to become moral degenerates like them. Jesus never tolerated people who seduced children to live in rebellion. **Matthew 18:6-7**

PRAYER TARGET

Let's pray that Joe Biden will repent and turn from his wickedness as the leader of the Biden crime family. If he refuses to change and won't be a righteous president, let God remove him from the earth.

Kamala Harris is a licentious woman who has used her sexuality to rise to a position of power. If she won't repent and become a virtuous woman of God, let her be removed from the earth.

Jeffrey Zients is the de facto president while serving as the White House chief of staff. He puts forth policies which benefit his spiritual master, Lucifer, and not the American people. If he won't repent and become a man that serves the Lord, let God remove him from the earth.

The wicked homosexual and transgender lifestyles are to be soundly condemned. As is their agenda of targeting children with the intention of perverting their young minds. Pray that God will open their eyes to the moral perversion they have embraced and that they will repent. Anyone who stubbornly resists the agenda of righteousness and delights in debauchery will have their life shortened and be removed from the earth.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?