Isaiah 36-37

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INTRODUCTION

- From about chapter 29 through this 39 really is a series of woes that God or God through Isaiah is putting upon those who would turn to others.
- God was using Assyria. Assyria was the rod of his anger.

1 The Background: Assyria the Great Power

2 Kings 18:13–16

- Assyria was a power, the great power, all nations really at that point in time had to fear because they had overrun many, and very cruel, wicked kind of an empire.
- We usually date the fall of the northern ten tribes, Samaria being the capital as 722 BC.
- He conquered the number even in his own historical records was 46 cities of Judah.
- There's a real test. Can you really trust in the Lord now? Are you really going to turn to the Lord now?

2 What Confidence Is This in Which You Trust?

2 Chronicles 32

- Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.
- Back in chapter 7, that happened to be the same place where Isaiah met with Ahaz, trying to encourage Ahaz to trust in the Lord.
- What confidence is this in which you trust? … you're trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it.
- Have I not come up without the Lord against this land to destroy it? The Lord said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

3 Speaking to the People on the Wall

2 Kings 18

- It's easy for you and me to read because we know the end of the story. But what if you don't know the end of the story?
- Please speak to your servants in Aramaic. For we understand it. Do not speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who are on the wall.
- Has anyone of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria?
- They held their peace. Answered him not a word, for the king's commandment was do not answer him.

4 Hezekiah Goes to the House of the Lord

- He tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord.

- It's a time to go to the Lord with mourning, with sorrow, with heaviness of heart, and to pour out your heart.
- Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord and spread it before the Lord.
- Save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you are the Lord. You alone.

5 The Lord's Answer: I Will Defend This City

Isaiah 10

- God is now just saying in a direct way to Assyria, hey, the only reason you had power, I was using you.
- I will put my hook in your nose and my bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back.
- He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor build a siege mound against it.
- For I will defend this city to save it for my own sake and for my servant David's sake.

6 The Angel of the Lord Killed 185,000

- The angel of the Lord went out, killed in the camp of the Assyrians 185,000.
- Himself I made a prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence like a bird in a cage.
- He didn't say that he took Jerusalem because he didn't.
- His silence bears testimony to the truth of what the Bible says. ... The very silence argues that the Bible record is true.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **When you pray the Lord, how much time do you give to thanking him and praising him for who he is, rather than saying, Lord, I need this, Lord please give me that.**

MY NOTES