

1. Revolt against Assyria

- a) Isaiah 36:1 Why did the Assyrians invade Judah in the 14th year of the reign of Hezekiah? (see 2 Kings 18:1-7)
- b) Unlike his father Ahaz, how did King Hezekiah prepare for his confrontation with the Assyrian army? 2 Chronicles 32:1-8

2. Bombarded by military propaganda

- a) Isaiah 36:2-20 What was Sennacherib's plan in sending the Rabshakeh ahead of him to Jerusalem?
- b) Which arguments of the Rabshakeh were most convincing? (see also 2 Chronicles 32:11)
- c) Isaiah 36:21 What are your thoughts about King Hezekiah's instructions to his representatives?
- d) Why is it wise not to respond to the propaganda of the enemy? Psalm 16:8, Psalm 50:15
- e) Share a time when you found yourself in what appeared to be an impossible situation and you were tempted to give up rather than trust in God.

3. Shaken but not forsaken

- a) How did the propaganda of the Rabshakeh affect King Hezekiah and his officials? Isaiah 36:21-37:4
- b) What troubles you about the words of the king's representatives recorded in Isaiah 37:4?
- c) What encouraging prophecy did Isaiah deliver to the representatives of King Hezekiah? Isaiah 37:5-7

- d) How did King Hezekiah respond to additional threats from Sennacherib? Isaiah 37:14-20
- e) What lesson can we learn from King Hezekiah's response to this life-threatening situation?

4. Deliverance comes from the LORD

- a) Isaiah 37:22-35 What are your thoughts about the LORD's response to the threats of the Assyrian king?
- b) Isaiah 37:36-37 Why was Sennacherib's life spared the night 185,000 of his soldiers died?
- c) What prophecy was fulfilled when Sennacherib returned to Nineveh? Isaiah 37:38 (see Isaiah 37:7)

5. Giving honor and glory to the LORD

- a) Isaiah 38:1-9 Why did the LORD provide such a remarkable sign to King Hezekiah?
- b) Isaiah 39:1-2 What great opportunity did King Hezekiah miss when Babylonian envoys came to visit him after his recovery from a near-fatal illness?
- c) Isaiah 39:3-7 What message did Isaiah give to the King Hezekiah?
- d) Isaiah 39:8 What troubles you about King Hezekiah's response?
- e) What lesson can we learn from King Hezekiah's failure?

