

An Overview of Isaiah
Week 6 Isaiah 36-39
A History Lesson

“On what do you rest this trust of yours? Do you think that mere words are strategy and power for war? In whom do you now trust...?”

Isaiah 34:4-5

Main Point: God is in absolute control over the world, including His people.

Historical Overview

- Hezekiah is king over Judah. He begins reigning at age 25 and is the son of Ahaz.
- During Ahaz’s reign, Assyria captured Israel and took the Israelites captive.
- 2 Kings 18-19 describes Hezekiah as a good, Godly king, who tore down the idol worship alters. It was said of him, “He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him...For he held fast to the Lord. He did not depart from him.” (2 Kings 18:5-6)
- Sennacherib, king of Assyria is conquering fortified cities all around Jerusalem and sends his field commander to intimidate Jerusalem.
- The Assyrian empire was massive. It encompassed modern day Turkey, parts of Kazakhstan, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Iraq and Jordan.

Question: Who do you trust in when the world around seems to be against you?

“As soon as King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of the Lord.”

Isaiah 37:1

Question: Do you realize that others see your weaknesses?

“Behold, you are trusting in Egypt, that broken reed of a staff...”

Isaiah 36:6

Question: Do you really trust the Lord to supply your needs, or does your behavior say otherwise?

“So now, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are the Lord.”

Isaiah 37:20

When all external support and hope seems to be lost, God longs that we trust in Him.
God is in control and has given
His Son to save us.

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Next week: Kevin McLouth preaching