

Isaiah 36:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

Analysis

This historical crisis introduces the Assyrian siege of Jerusalem under Hezekiah, testing faith in God's promises to protect Zion. The synchronization with Hezekiah's fourteenth year (701 BC) confirms biblical chronology and demonstrates God's sovereignty over pagan empires. The Rabshakeh's propaganda campaign foreshadows Satan's tactics of undermining trust in God's Word through logical-sounding arguments.

Historical Context

The invasion occurred in 701 BC when Sennacherib conquered 46 Judean cities (as confirmed by the Taylor Prism). This was Isaiah's prophetic ministry culminating in tangible deliverance, vindicating his decades of warnings and promises.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. When faced with overwhelming circumstances, do you trust God's promises more than visible evidence?
2. How can you recognize and resist the enemy's strategy of attacking God's character and reliability?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 32:1 (Kingdom): After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

2 Kings 18:13 (Kingdom): Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

2 Kings 18:17 (Kingdom): And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

