

Isaiah 36:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

Analysis

The command "Let not Hezekiah deceive you" attempts to reframe the king's faith as deception. The claim "he shall not be able to deliver you" directly challenges God's power, though Rabshakeh addresses it to Hezekiah's competence. This is spiritual warfare disguised as political negotiation. The tactic is to separate the people from their godly leader by portraying his faith as foolish fantasy. Satan uses similar tactics to isolate believers from faithful shepherds.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern warfare included psychological operations to turn populations against their rulers. Assyria excelled at sowing division and doubt.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does the enemy try to separate believers from faithful spiritual leaders?
2. What role does trust in leadership play in spiritual warfare?

3. How do we discern between legitimate concerns and enemy-sown doubt about our leaders?

Interlinear Text

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H3541	Thus saith	the king	H408	deceive	H0	Let not Hezekiah	H3588	H3808
	H559	H4428		H5377		H2396		
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you for he shall not be able			to deliver		H853			
H3201			H5337					

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