

# Isaiah 36:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

## Analysis

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The ultimate blasphemy: "Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem?" This rhetorical question places YHWH in the same category as demonstrably powerless false gods. Rabshakeh's arrogance assumes Assyrian power supersedes all divine authority. This echoes Satan's primal rebellion—the creature exalting himself above the Creator. The question sets up God's dramatic intervention to demonstrate His incomparable power.

## Historical Context

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This speech represents the pinnacle of Assyrian hubris. Sennacherib's own annals boast of conquering lands "by the might of Ashur my lord," attributing success to Assyrian deities.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God respond when His name is blasphemed and His power challenged?
2. What does Assyrian arrogance teach about the self-destructive nature of pride?
3. How should we respond when God's reputation is attacked by mockers?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּכָל מִי H4310	אֱלֹהֵי י H3605	Who are they among all the gods H430	אֲרֶצַּם H776	אֲשֶׁר הָאֵלָּה H428	H834
יֵצֵא יל H5337	אֶת H853	אֲרֶצַּם H776	מִדִּי H3027	כִּי H3588	יֵצֵא יל H5337
יְהוָה H3068	אֶת H853	יְרוּשָׁלַם H3389	מִדִּי H3027		

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 32:19** (References God): And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, which were the work of the hands of man.