

Isaiah 37:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Analysis

Sennacherib's message "Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee" directly attacks the object of Hezekiah's faith. The claim that God is a deceiver inverts truth—the father of lies accuses God of his own character. The continued assertion that Jerusalem will be delivered to Assyria maintains psychological pressure. This intensified attack shows that often trials increase in severity right before deliverance. Satan understands his time is short and rages harder (Revelation 12:12).

Historical Context

This second message came as Sennacherib faced military pressure from Egypt, creating urgency to secure Jerusalem quickly before fighting on two fronts.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the enemy often intensify attacks right before God's deliverance arrives?
2. What does it mean that Satan projects his own deceptive character onto God?
3. How do we maintain faith when trials escalate rather than immediately improving?

Interlinear Text

כֹּה	לֵאמֹר	אֶל	חִזְקִיָּהוּ	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה
H3541	Thus shall ye speak	H413	to Hezekiah	king	of Judah
	H559		H2396	H4428	H3063
לֵאמֹר	אֶל	יִשְׁעָבֹד	אֱלֹהֵי יְיָ	אֲשֶׁר	אֵת הָאֱלֹהִים
Thus shall ye speak	H408	deceive	Let not thy God	H834	H859
H559		H5377	H430		
בֹּטֵחַ	בּוֹ	לֵאמֹר	לֹא	תִּתֶּן	
in whom thou trustest	H0	Thus shall ye speak	H3808	shall not be given	
H982		H559		H5414	
יְרוּשָׁלַם	בְּיַד	מֶלֶךְ	אַשּׁוּרִי		
Jerusalem	into the hand	king	of Assyria		
H3389	H3027	H4428	H804		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 36:15 (Faith): Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.