

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

וְאַמְرָה כִּי לֹא מֶלֶךְ הוּא אֶל יְהוּדָה מֶלֶךְ מֶלֶךְ
H3541 Thus shall ye speak H413 to Hezekiah H2396 king H4428 of Judah H3063

לֹא מֶלֶךְ יְשַׁאַב אֶלָּתָה יְהוָה אֲלֹהֵי יִצְחָק אֶת
H559 H408 deceive H5377 Let not thy God H430 H834 H859

בָּוֶן בְּנֵי אֶתְּמָר לֹא מֶלֶךְ לֹתְנָתָן
H982 H0 Thus shall ye speak H3808 shall not be given H5414

מֶלֶךְ יְהוָה אֲשֹׁוֹר מֶלֶךְ יְהוָה אֲשֹׁוֹר
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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.