

Isaiah 37:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

Analysis

The argument "Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands" appeals to empirical evidence—Assyria's unbroken record of conquest. The claim "by destroying them utterly" emphasizes total victory, leaving no room for hope. The rhetorical question "shalt thou be delivered?" assumes the obvious answer is no. This logical argument is actually fallacious—past patterns don't determine God's actions. What Assyria did to others is irrelevant when the Defender is YHWH.

Historical Context

Assyrian annals extensively document conquered kingdoms, creating psychological intimidation. Their military reputation was well-earned through brutal effectiveness.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do we answer when circumstances and history suggest our situation is hopeless?
2. What is the error in assuming past patterns predict God's sovereign intervention?
3. How does faith transcend logical probability based on natural circumstances?

Interlinear Text

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of Assyria H3605 H804	to all lands H776	by destroying them utterly H2763 H859

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