

# 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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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הִנֵּה הָאֵת הַ	שָׁמָעְתָּ	אֲשֶׁר	עָשׂוּ	מֶלֶכֵי יִ
H2009	H859	H834	H6213	H4428
	<b>Behold thou hast heard</b>		<b>have done</b>	<b>what the kings</b>
	H8085			
אֲשֶׁר וְ	לְכָל	הָאֲרָצֹת	לְהַחֲרִימָם	אֵת הַ
H804	H3605	H776	H2763	H859
<b>of Assyria</b>	<b>to all lands</b>	<b>by destroying them utterly</b>		
וְתִנָּצֵל:				
<b>and shalt thou be delivered</b>				
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