

Isaiah 37:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

Analysis

The continued list—"Where is the king of Hamath, the king of Arphad, king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, Ivah?"—hammers home the message: all resistance fails. By mentioning kings specifically, Sennacherib emphasizes that even royal power cannot withstand Assyria. This comprehensive catalogue of defeated enemies demonstrates thorough preparation for psychological warfare. However, the very length of the list reveals Assyria's pride—boasting in conquest becomes an opportunity for God to humble the proud.

Historical Context

Archaeological records confirm Assyrian conquests of these territories. The precision of the list shows Sennacherib's genuine historical accomplishments, making his eventual defeat more dramatically demonstrate God's power.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does the enemy's genuine past success sometimes become the setup for God's greater glory?
2. What role does human pride play in setting up divine judgment?
3. How should we view impressive human achievements in light of God's ultimate sovereignty?

Interlinear Text

אֵי הַ	וְיָ לְךָ	חַמַּת	וְיָ לְךָ	אַרְפָּד
H346	Where is the king	of Hamath	Where is the king	of Arphad
	H4428	H2574	H4428	H774
וְיָ לְךָ	לְעִיר	סִפְרַיִם	הֵנָּה	וְיָוָה:
Where is the king	of the city	of Sepharvaim	Hena	and Ivah
H4428	H5892	H5617	H2012	H5755

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