

Isaiah 37:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

Analysis

Hezekiah receiving the letter and reading it shows deliberate engagement with the threat—he doesn't ignore or minimize it but faces reality fully. Going "up unto the house of the LORD" demonstrates proper crisis response: bring the problem to God. The detail that Hezekiah "spread it before the LORD" is profound—physically displaying the threatening letter before God symbolizes complete transparency and trust. This action says, "Lord, You see what I see. I bring this to You."

Historical Context

The temple was where God's presence dwelt between the cherubim above the ark. Bringing urgent matters to God's dwelling place demonstrated covenant relationship and expectation of divine help.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to "spread before the LORD" our troubles and fears?

2. How does physically presenting problems to God in prayer demonstrate trust?
3. What is your practice for bringing overwhelming circumstances to God?

Interlinear Text

וְקָבַץ	חֶזְקִיָּהוּ	אֶת	הַסֵּפֶר	יָד	הַמַּלְאָכִים
received	And Hezekiah	H853	the letter	from the hand	of the messengers
H3947	H2396		H5612	H3027	H4397
וַיִּקְרָא	וַיַּעַל	בֵּית	יְהוָה:	וַיִּפְרֹשׂ	חֶזְקִיָּהוּ
and read	went up	unto the house	of the LORD	and spread	And Hezekiah
H7121	H5927	H1004	H3068	H6566	H2396
לִפְנֵי	יְהוָה:				
it before	of the LORD				
H6440	H3068				

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 19:14 (References Lord): And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.