

# 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

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<b>רְמִלְאָכָּה יָמָּה</b> <b>received And Hezekiah</b> H3947	<b>חַזְקִיָּהוּ הָיָה</b> H2396	<b>אֶת</b> H853	<b>פִּסְפָּר יִם</b> <b>the letter</b> H5612	<b>מִ יָד</b> <b>from the hand</b> H3027	<b>פְּמַלְאָכִים</b> <b>of the messengers</b> H4397
<b>וַיַּעֲשֵׂה</b> <b>and read</b> H7121	<b>וַיַּעֲלֵה</b> <b>went up</b> H5927	<b>וְיָתַר</b> <b>unto the house</b> H1004	<b>בְּיַהְוָה</b> <b>of the LORD</b> H3068	<b>וַיִּפְרַשְׁת</b> <b>and spread</b> H6566	<b>וְחַזְקִיָּהוּ</b> <b>And Hezekiah</b> H2396
<b>לִפְנֵי</b> <b>it before</b> H6440	<b>יְהֹוָה</b> <b>of the LORD</b> H3068				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

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