

Isaiah 37:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,

Analysis

The acknowledgment "Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations" is remarkably honest—Hezekiah admits Sennacherib's claims are factually accurate. This confession shows mature faith doesn't require denying reality or pretending circumstances aren't dire. Recognizing the enemy's genuine power makes the subsequent trust in God's greater power more meaningful. Faith built on illusion isn't faith; faith built on acknowledging hard truth but trusting God anyway is genuine.

Historical Context

Assyrian military success was undeniable historical fact. Hezekiah doesn't try to minimize Assyria's real accomplishments, making his faith more impressive.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does honest acknowledgment of difficulties demonstrate mature faith rather than weak faith?

2. Why is it important not to minimize real threats when bringing them to God?
3. What is the difference between faith and denial of reality?

Interlinear Text

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H3605	H853	H804	H4428	H2717	H3068	H551	Of a truth	LORD	Of a truth
H776	H853	H776					all the nations	all the nations	all the nations

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 15:29 (Kingdom): In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

1 Chronicles 5:26 (Kingdom): And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

2 Kings 17:6 (Kingdom): In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

2 Kings 17:24 (Kingdom): And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof.

2 Kings 16:9 (Kingdom): And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

