

Isaiah 37:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said,
By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of
the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down
the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I
will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his
Carmel.

Analysis

God quotes Sennacherib's boasting: "By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord" shows the blasphemy came through Rabshakeh. The boasts about chariots, conquering mountain heights, and cutting down cedars of Lebanon demonstrate Assyrian pride in military and engineering achievements. "I will enter into the height of his border" claims access to inaccessible places. The "forest of his Carmel" refers to choice territory. God demonstrates He heard every arrogant word, and pride precedes destruction (Proverbs 16:18).

Historical Context

Assyrian annals do boast of such accomplishments—mountain fortresses conquered, forests harvested for building projects. Sennacherib's inscriptions confirm his prideful self-promotion.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does God observe and remember human pride and boasting?
2. What does Assyrian confidence in military achievement teach about misplaced trust?
3. How do we guard against pride in our own accomplishments and abilities?

Interlinear Text

בְּרַב	וְתֵאמַר	אֲדֹנָי	חֵב פָּתָן	עַבְדֶּיךָ	בְּיָד
By the multitude	and hast said	the Lord	hast thou reproached	thy servants	By
H7230	H559	H136	H2778	H5650	H3027
יִרְכָּתֶי	הַר יָם	מֶרֶוָם	עַל יָתִי	אֲנִי	רֶכֶב־י
to the sides	of the mountains	into the height	am I come up	H589	of my chariots
H3411	H2022	H4791	H5927		H7393
מִבְּחֹר	אֲרָזֵיוֹ	קוֹמֵת	וְאֶכְרֹתֶיךָ	לְבָנוֹן	
thereof and the choice	cedars	the tall	and I will cut down	of Lebanon	
H4005	H730	H6967	H3772	H3844	
וְעֵר	קֶצֶו	מֶרֶוָם	וְאֶבּוֹא	בְּרֶשֶׁת־יָם	
and the forest	of his border	into the height	thereof and I will enter	fir trees	
H3293	H7093	H4791	H935	H1265	
					כְּרִמְלֹוֹ:
					H3759

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 14:8 (Parallel theme): Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

Isaiah 10:18 (Parallel theme): And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.

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