

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

Psalm 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

בְּ דָבָר	אָדָם	וְתִּמְלָא	בְּרֵבָד	בְּרֵבָד
By thy servants	hast thou reproached the Lord	and hast said	By the multitude	
H3027	H5650	H2778	H136	H559
H7230				
of my chariots	am I come up	into the height	of the mountains	to the sides
H7393	H589	H5927	H4791	H3411
of Lebanon	and I will cut down	the tall	cedars	thereof and the choice
H3844	H3772	H6967	H730	H4005
fir trees	thereof and I will enter	into the height	of his border	and the forest
H1265	H935	H4791	H7093	H3293
כְּרָמָלוֹן:				
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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