

Isaiah 37:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet
have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.

Analysis

The boasting continues: "I have digged, and drunk water" claims ability to find water even in deserts through engineering. "With the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places" is hyperbolic pride—claiming to conquer even natural obstacles. This exemplifies human hubris, believing technology and power make one invincible. The comprehensive claims "all the rivers" shows total pride admitting no limits. Such boasting sets up dramatic reversal when God demonstrates absolute sovereignty.

Historical Context

Assyrians did possess advanced siege warfare and engineering capabilities, including water management during campaigns. Their real achievements made the boasting seem justified.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does genuine human achievement sometimes lead to dangerous pride?

2. What is the difference between acknowledging real accomplishments and boastful pride?
3. How should we view human technological and military advancement in light of God's sovereignty?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 20:10 (Parallel theme): And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me.

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