

# 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

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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

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

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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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H589	I have digged	and drunk	water	have I dried up	and with the sole
	H6979	H8354	H4325	H2717	H3709
פְּעָמַי	כָּל	נָחַל	מִצֹּר:		
of my feet	H3605	all the rivers	of the besieged places		
H6471		H2975	H4693		

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.