

# Isaiah 37:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

## Analysis

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The declaration "By the way that he came, by the same shall he return" promises complete retreat. "Shall not come into this city" repeats the promise for emphasis. Sennacherib's retreat by the same route he came depicts total military failure—no conquest, no plunder, just humiliating withdrawal. The repetition underscores certainty. This reversal demonstrates that human pride and power mean nothing when God determines the outcome.

## Historical Context

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Military campaigns typically ended with either conquest and plunder or devastating defeat. Mere withdrawal without engagement was unusual and humiliating.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does God sometimes defeat enemies without His people needing to fight?

2. What does forced retreat without accomplishing objectives teach about God's sovereignty over plans?
3. How should this encourage us when facing seemingly unstoppable opposition?

## Interlinear Text

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בְּדֶךְ	אֲשֶׁר	יָבֹא	כִּי הוּא	יֵשׁ וְב	וְאֵל
By the way	H834	and shall not come	H0	by the same shall he return	H413
H1870		H935		H7725	
הָעִיר	הִנֵּה אֶת	לֹא	יָבֹא	נֹאֵם	יְהוָה:
into this city	H2063	H3808	and shall not come	saith	the LORD
H5892			H935	H5002	H3068

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 37:29** (Parallel theme): Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.