

# Isaiah 37:38

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

## Analysis

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The final judgment "as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god" shows ironic timing—Sennacherib is killed while honoring the deity that couldn't protect him. "Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword" fulfills God's prophecy (verse 7) precisely. Assassination by his own sons demonstrates that fleeing God's judgment provides no safety. "Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead" shows dynastic instability. The detailed fulfillment validates Isaiah's prophetic authority and God's sovereign control over history.

## Historical Context

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Assyrian records confirm Sennacherib's assassination in 681 BC, twenty years after the Jerusalem campaign. Esarhaddon's inscriptions mention putting down a rebellion, likely by his brothers.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does precise fulfillment of prophecy demonstrate God's control over history?
2. What does judgment finding Sennacherib even in his god's temple teach about the inability to escape God?
3. How should fulfilled prophecy strengthen our confidence in unfulfilled biblical promises?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְהִי	הָ וַאֲ	מִשְׁתַּחֲוִי הָ	בֵּית	נִסְרוֹךְ		
H1961	H1931	H7812	H1004	H5268		
And it came to pass as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch						
אֱלֹהֵי יוֹ	וַאֲדַמְמֶלֶךְ	וּשְׁרָאָזָר	בְּנוֹ	הָהוּא	בִּחַ	רֶבֶץ
H430	H152	H8272	H1121	H5221	H2719	
his god	that Adrammelech	and Sharezer	his son	smote	him with the sword	
וַיִּמָּלֶךְ	וַיִּמָּלֶטוּ	אֶרֶץ	אֲרָמְיָה	וַיִּמָּלֶךְ	אֲסָרְ	
H1992	H4422	H776	H780	H4427	H0	
and they escaped	into the land	of Armenia	reigned			
וַיִּמָּלֶךְ	בְּנוֹ	וַיִּמָּלֶךְ				
H634	H1121	H8478				
and Esarhaddon	his son					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 8:4** (Parallel theme): And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

**Jeremiah 51:27** (Kingdom): Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.

**Ezra 4:2** (Kingdom): Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

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