

# Isaiah 37:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

## Analysis

Rabshakeh's discovery that Sennacherib had moved from Lachish to Libnah shows the fluidity of military campaigns. The detail demonstrates historical accuracy—Isaiah provides specific geographical information verifiable through other records. The movement also shows that despite confident boasting, Assyrian operations weren't entirely smooth. God was already working behind the scenes, preparing deliverance even while the threat appeared overwhelming. This encourages trust that God is active even when His work isn't yet visible.

## Historical Context

Lachish and Libnah were fortified cities in Judah's Shephelah region. Archaeological evidence shows Lachish's violent destruction by Sennacherib, confirming the biblical account.

## Related Passages

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does God work behind the scenes in ways we don't immediately recognize?
2. What comfort comes from knowing God is active even when deliverance isn't yet visible?
3. How do historical confirmations of Scripture strengthen faith?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 10:29** (Parallel theme): Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah:

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