

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

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

וַיָּשָׁב	בְּרַב־שָׁקֵה ה	וַיִּמְצָא	אֶת	מֶלֶךְ	אֲשֶׁר	נִלְחָם	עַל
returned	So Rabshakeh	and found	H853	the king	of Assyria	warring	H5921
H7725	H7262	H4672		H4428	H804	H3898	
לְבִנָּה ה	כִּי	שָׁמַע	כִּי	נָס	מִלְכִּישׁ:		
against Libnah	H3588	for he had heard	H3588	that he was departed	from Lachish		
H3841		H8085		H5265	H3923		

Additional Cross-References

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