

# Isaiah 37:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

## Analysis

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The report about Tirhakah king of Ethiopia/Cush coming to fight disrupts Sennacherib's plans. God uses secondary causes—in this case, geopolitical competition—to accomplish His purposes. The text says Sennacherib "sent messengers again" to Hezekiah, showing that military pressure from another front motivated renewed attempts to secure Jerusalem's surrender quickly. God sovereignly orchestrates international events to deliver His people, often through natural means rather than only miraculous intervention.

## Historical Context

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Tirhakah was a Kushite pharaoh who ruled Egypt's 25th Dynasty. His military movements threatened Assyrian western campaigns, creating strategic complications for Sennacherib.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does God use natural circumstances and geopolitical events to accomplish His purposes?
2. What does divine sovereignty through secondary causes teach about God's comprehensive providence?
3. How should we view "coincidental" timing of events that deliver us from difficulty?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּשְׁמַע	עַל	תִּרְחָה קָה	מֶלֶךְ	כּוֹשׁ	יֵאמֹר:	
And he heard	H5921	concerning Tirhakah	king	of Ethiopia	say	
H8085		H8640	H4428	H3568	H559	
וַיָּצֵא	לְהִלָּחֵם	אֶת־	וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁלַח	מַלְאָכָיו	אֵל
He is come forth	to make war	H854	And he heard	it he sent	messengers	H413
H3318	H3898		H8085	H7971	H4397	
יֵאמֹר:	חֶזְקִיָּהוּ					
say	to Hezekiah					
H559	H2396					