HEZEKIAH – THE VICTOR
Part V
2 Kings 19:20-37

MAIN THOUGHT Good King Hezekiah (729–686 BC), the best king Judah ever had, was a REFORMER, NEGOTIATOR, INTERCESSOR, VICTOR, SUFFERER, SINGER, and BOASTER in his exceptional life.

REBUKE (20-28; Isa. 37:21-29).

• Jerusalem was the vulnerable VIRGIN DAUGHTER protected by God (20-21). She would soon despise, mock and toss her head as the Assyrians flee.
• God repeated their boasts (22-26) as their indictment (5 I wills – Isa. 14:13-14).
• God said He sovereignly ordained them to judge Israel, but not Judah.
• God promised to avenge their arrogance later – 20 years later with the murder of Sennecherib (27) – for He knows where he lives (Psa. 139:7).
• Like all godless nations (28), they RAGE against heaven (Psa. 2).

PROVISION (29; Isa. 37:30). A gracious sign would be given Jerusalem:

(1) In YEAR ONE, they would eat volunteer crops for the Assyrians had eaten all of the crops planted in Fall when they came in the Spring.
(2) They were unable to plant YEAR TWO crops in the fall.
(2) By YEAR THREE, they would eat crops they themselves had planted.

• God would not let his people starve. Psalm 126, a psalm of assent, could have this occasion in mind.


JUDAH
• Spiritually, Judah will take root once more (not be uprooted) and produce a REMNANT (Isa. 11:11, 16; 28:5; Mic. 4:6-7; Rom. 11:5).
• The zeal of the Lord (Isa. 9:7) will RESTORE Judah (Acts 1:6; 3:21).

ASSYRIA
• Not one soldier, not one arrow, not one siege ramp will come against Jerusalem for they will return to their homeland.
• God will DEFEND (Psa. 74:22; Luke 12:11-12) and SAVE Jerusalem in order to keep His promises to David (2 Sam. 7:16).
• The ANGEL OF THE LORD (Jesus – Gen. 16:7, 16) killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night! Sennacherib withdrew to Assyria (Isa. 10:15-16).

AFTERMATH (37; 2 Chron. 32:23; Isa. 37:38).

• Hezekiah was highly regarded by all the nations (2 Chron. 32:23).
• Sennecherib was murdered by his eldest son twenty years later (681 BC).