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(3) And they said to him, This is what Hezekiah says, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: because the children have come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring them forth.

(4) It may be the LORD {Jehovah} your God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD {Jehovah} your God has heard: therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that are left.

(5) So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

(6) And Isaiah said to them, This is what you shall say to your master, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, *Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.*

(7) *Indeed, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.*

(8) So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: because he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.

(9) And when he heard it said of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, *Indeed, he has come out to fight against you: he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying,*

*(10) This is what you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in Whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.*

*(11) Surely, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by completely destroying them: and shall you be delivered?*

*(12) Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?*

*(13) Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?*

*(14) And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and spread it before the LORD {Jehovah}.*

*(15) And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, O LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel, Who lives *between* the cherubims,<sup>a</sup> You are the God, *even* You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth.<sup>b</sup>*

*(16) LORD {Jehovah}, bow down Your ear, and hear: open, LORD {Jehovah}, Your eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, who has sent him to reproach the living God.*

19:15a – Ex. 25:18-22

19:15b – Gen. 1:1

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(17) Of a truth, LORD {Jehovah}, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands,

(18) And have cast their gods into the fire: because they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them.

(19) Now therefore, O LORD {Jehovah} our God, I beg You, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD {Jehovah} God, *even* You alone.

(20) Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *That which you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard.*

(21) This is the word that the LORD {Jehovah} has spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion has despised you, *and* laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you.

(22) Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? and against Whom have you exalted *your* voice, and lifted up your eyes on high? *even* against the Holy *One* of Israel.

(23) By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down its tall cedar trees, *and* its choice fir trees: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the forest of his Carmel.

(24) I have dug and drank foreign waters, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of besieged places.

(25) Have you not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, that you should be {the one} to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.

(26) Therefore those who lived in them were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as* corn blasted before it be grown up.

(27) But I know where you live, and where you go out, and where you come in, and your rage against Me.

(28) Because your rage against Me and your trouble has come up into My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way by which you came.

(29) And this *shall be* a sign to you, You shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year you shall sow, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat its fruits.

(30) And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.

(31) Because out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and those who escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD {Jehovah} *of hosts* {armies} shall do this.

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(32) Therefore this is what the LORD {Jehovah} says concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

(33) By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(34) Because I will defend this city, to save it, for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.

(35) And it came to pass that night, that the Angel of the LORD {Jehovah} went out, and struck in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred eighty-five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, indeed, they *were* all dead bodies.

(36) So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived at Nineveh.

(37) And it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons struck him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.<sup>c</sup>

### Chapter 20

(1) In those days Hezekiah was sick to death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, **Set your house in order; because you shall die, and not live.**<sup>a</sup>

(2) Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(3) I beg You, O LORD {Jehovah}, remember now how I have walked before You in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in Your sight. And Hezekiah wept greatly.

(4) And it came to pass, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to him, saying,

(5) **Return, and tell Hezekiah the captain of My people, This is what the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of David your father says, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: indeed, I will heal you: on the third day you shall go up to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.**

(6) **And I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake.**

(7) And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered.

(8) And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD {Jehovah} will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} the third day?

19:37c – II Chr. 32:21  
20:1a – II Chr. 32:24