

(which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel,) that Shalmaneser *i* king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.

10 And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, (that is, the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel,) Samaria was taken.

11 And *k* the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

12 Because *l* they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear them, nor do them.

13 ¶ Now *m* in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did *n* Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

15 And *n* Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.

16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave *o* it to the king of Assyria.

17 ¶ And the king of Assyria sent *p* Tartan, and Rab-saris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah, with a *q* great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *p* is in the highway of the fuller's field.

18 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the *r* scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder.

19 And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah. Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

20 Thou *s* sayest (but they are but vain words,) *t* I have counsel and strength for the war. Now,

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i ch. 17. 3, &c.*k* 1 Ch. 5. 26.*l* Ne. 9. 26, 27.

Ps. 107. 17.

Dan. 9. 6, 10.

m 2 Ch. 32. 1,

&c.

n Is. 36. 1, &c.*o* Sanherib.*p* ch. 16. 8.*q* them.*r* Is. 20. 1.*s* heavy.*t* Is. 7. 3.*u* or, secretary.*v* or, talkest.*w* word of

the lips.

x or, But

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war.

y trustest

thee.

z Eze. 29. 6, 7.*a* ver. 4.

2 Ch. 31. 1.

b or, hos-

tages.

c Is. 10. 5, 6.

Am. 3. 6.

Jno. 19. 10,

11.

d La. 4. 5.

Eze. 4. 15.

e the water

of their

feet.

f Ps. 73. 8, 9.*g* 2 Th. 2. 4, 8.*h* Ps. 11. 1.

22. 7, 8.

125. 1, 2.

i make with

me a bless-

ing, or,

seek my

favour.

Ge. 32. 20.

33. 11.

Pr. 18. 16.

j or, pit.

on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

21 Now, behold, thou *12* trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, *q* even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him.

22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: is not that he whose high places *r* and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?

23 Now therefore, I pray thee, give *13* pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

24 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?

25 Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD *s* said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; (for we understand it?) and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that are on the wall.

27 But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *t* hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that *u* they may eat their own dung, and drink *14* their own piss with you?

28 Then Rab-shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria:

29 Thus *v* saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

30 Neither *w* let Hezekiah make you trust *w* in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

31 Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, *15* Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his *16* cistern:

32 Until I come and take you