

- g. It looked hopeless for Hezekiah and Jerusalem.
- h. Sennacherib sends a letter to Hezekiah and says, "Look there's no way that your God is going to be able to deliver you. The gods of these other nations haven't delivered them. Your God is not going to deliver you. So surrender,. That is the best thing you can do."
- i. Hezekiah took that letter and read it before the Lord and said, "Lord, give us deliverance."
- j. Isaiah sent a letter to Hezekiah and said, "You will be delivered."
- k. And Hezekiah and Judah were delivered.
 - 1) That night the angel of the Lord killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers.
 - 2) The next morning the ground was littered with corpses.
- l. Sennacherib went back to Assyria in complete disgrace.
- m. Deportations thus far
 - 1) 730 with Tiglath-pileser
 - 2) 722 with Sargon completing siege and taking Samaria over and ending the northern kingdom
 - 3) The fortified cities of Judah *with Sennacherib*
- n. Hezekiah's illness
 - 1) Hezekiah became ill and the Lord told him he was going to die.
 - 2) Hezekiah wanted to live and the Lord added 15 years to his life.
 - 3) When he recovers the king of Babylon heard that Hezekiah had been sick and he sent a delegation to wish Hezekiah well and give him some gifts because he had been sick and he wanted to get in *good* ~~god~~ with Hezekiah hoping that he would join him and become an ally with the king of Babylon.
 - 4) While that delegation was there, he became filled with pride and he showed that delegation all of the riches of Jerusalem and all of the military aspects of Jerusalem.
 - i) When Isaiah heard this, he was fit to be tied.
 - ii) Isaiah said, "Do you know what is going to happen because you did this? Everybody here and everything is going to be taken into captivity."
- o. Hezekiah lived until the end of this period to about 686 B. C.