

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Isaiah 37:14

Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord.

ISAIAH 15-1**"REACTION TO ATTACK"
READ ISAIAH 36:1-37:38****DAY 1 – READ THE LESSON SCRIPTURE**

1. What application to your life did you find in last week's lesson?
- 2.a. Write the memory verse (Isaiah 37:14).

b. What do you think that means spiritually?

DAY 2 – READ Isaiah 36:1-10

NOTE: Chapters 36-39 form a narrative prose "bridge" between the poetry chapters 1-35 dealing with the era of the Assyrians and the poetry chapters 40-66 introducing the Babylonian era. These chapters (lessons 15 and 16) contain references to events that fulfill many of Isaiah's prophecies in chapters 1-35, make reference to the final Assyrian effort in Judah, and give a description of the first Babylonian contact with Isaiah's prediction of the coming exile.

- 3.a. Review: What was the brief background of Hezekiah from 2 Kings 18:1-8?

b. From 2 Kings 18:13-16 how did Hezekiah try to placate the invading Assyrian Sennacherib?

c. How did Hezekiah prepare for the inevitable attack by Sennacherib in 2 Chronicles 32:1-8?
4. From Isaiah 36:1-3 who went out to meet Sennacherib's field commander (also called Rabshekeh, which is a military title in some versions)?

5.a. What did the commander say about reliance on Egypt?

 . . . Assyria's proposed bargain?

b. How did he lie in vs. 7 and 10?

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DAY 2 (Continued) – READ Isaiah 36:1-10

- 6.a. “You’re alone in this,” . . . “I can give you what you need,” . . . “This is okay with God” . . . What parallels do you see in this threat and the temptations Satan puts in your life?
- b. What strength is found in Proverbs 3:5-7?

DAY 3 – READ Isaiah 36:11-22

7. What request did the representatives make of the field commander?
8. Instead he only spoke louder to the crowd on the wall. How did he . . .
 - a. . . . scoff at Hezekiah?
 - b. . . . size up Assyria’s offer?
 - c. . . . shame the Lord?
9. When do you think people most often try intimidation?
10. What do you think the responses indicated about Judah’s attitude toward the situation?
 - a. people on the wall (vs.21)
 - b. Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah (vs.22)
11. What do you think is the value of silence in confrontation?

DAY 4 – READ Isaiah 37:1-20

12. Threatened with destruction, what did Hezekiah do (vs. 1-2)?
13. How did Isaiah respond with God’s assurance?
- 14.a. Receiving the report from his field commander and news that Egypt was advancing, Sennacherib sent a letter to Hezekiah. What was his main point?
 - b. Does God “fail” . . . is He dependable? Please explain your answer.

DAY 4 (Continued) – READ Isaiah 37:1-20

- 15.a. Briefly explain what Hezekiah did in the temple.
- b. How do you think you can lay out your troubles before the Lord as clearly as Hezekiah did?
- c. What do you learn from Hezekiah's prayer about how you should pray about difficulties facing you?
- d. Write Hebrews 4:16.

DAY 5 – READ Isaiah 37:21-38

16. In Isaiah's message to Hezekiah, briefly what did God say about
- a. Judah's attitude (vs.22)?
 - b. Assyria's blasphemy (vs. 23-25)?
 - c. God's sovereign control (vs. 26-27)?
 - d. Assyria's destiny (vs. 28-29)?
 - e. Judah's recovery from invasion (vs. 30-32)?
 - f. Assyria at Jerusalem (vs. 33-35)?
- 17.a. How was Assyria driven away?
- b. How do you think Sennacherib felt?
 - c. . . . Jerusalem felt?
18. What was the doom of Sennacherib in vs. 38?
19. What is the overall lesson you learn in today's reading?
20. Summarize this lesson: Who or what was . . .
challenged

courageous

crying out

committed

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: