

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: