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The reign of Hezekiah 2 Kings 18:1-20:21; 2 Chronicles 29:1-32:33; Isaiah 36:1-39:8

The fall of the Northern Kingdom in the context of Hezekiah's reign. 2 Kings 18:9-12

- Siege began in the fourth year of Hezekiah's reign and ended in year six.
- Shalmaneser was king of Assyria.
- Many of the people were deported to foreign lands.

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- Eight years after the fall of Samaria, Sennacherib, king of Assyria, launched a campaign against the Kingdom of Judah.
- Hezekiah had, early in his reign, rebelled against Assyrian control. 2 Kings 18:7

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- Hezekiah responded to this campaign by strengthening the defenses of Jerusalem and preparing for a siege. 2 Chronicles 32:1-6
  - Limited the water supply outside the city and diverted water to run into the city (Hezekiah's tunnel) (See 2 Chronicles 32:30)
  - Strengthened existing walls and built new walls
  - Built up an arsenal of weapons
  - Encouraged the people to trust in Yahweh, the God of Israel

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- Hezekiah panicked, probably at the astonishing speed of the fall of Lachish and the brutality of the Assyrians 2 Kings 18:13-16
- Offered to pay tribute to the Assyrian King with the expectation that he would spare Jerusalem and the rest of the kingdom

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- True to form for the Assyrians, they accepted the large payoff and planned to come against Jerusalem anyway.

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- Representatives from Sennacherib were sent to Jerusalem to taunt Hezekiah and demoralize the people.
  - Derided Hezekiah's preparations for war and military strength
  - Pointed out the futility of depending on help from Egypt

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  - Mocked Hezekiah's trust in Yahweh and claimed that Yahweh had instructed Sennacherib to come against the land
  - Reminded the people listening of the horrors of a siege

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- Representatives from Sennacherib were sent to Jerusalem to taunt Hezekiah and demoralize the people.
  - Directly appealed to the people to forsake Hezekiah and embrace the king of Assyria who would let them live in peace until he deported them to another land which would be as good or better than their land

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- Representatives from Sennacherib were sent to Jerusalem to taunt Hezekiah and demoralize the people.
- Pointed out that no other gods had been able to deliver people from the onslaught of the Assyrians and equated Yahweh with these gods

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- Representatives from Sennacherib were sent to Jerusalem to taunt Hezekiah and demoralize the people.
- The people had enough respect for Hezekiah to follow his command not to engage with these representatives.
- This encounter caused profound grief and anguish among Hezekiah's representatives.

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- Hezekiah responded by expressing grief and anguish.
- He focused his attention on Yahweh by entering the temple.

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- Representatives from Sennacherib were sent to Jerusalem to taunt Hezekiah and demoralize the people.
- Hezekiah sent representatives to Isaiah for a word from God on this matter.

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- Representatives from Sennacherib were sent to Jerusalem to taunt Hezekiah and demoralize the people.
- God's response delivered by Isaiah
  - Do not be afraid.
  - God had heard the insults and mocking words toward Him.

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- God's response delivered by Isaiah
  - God will make Sennacherib return to his home.
  - Sennacherib will die a violent death there.

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Lessons

- Defeat panic by turning to God sooner than later.
- See the bigger picture when people debase and dishonor you for your commitment to God.
- God will at the appropriate time and in the appropriate way defend His honor.
- Another reminder that we fear God, not people or circumstances.

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