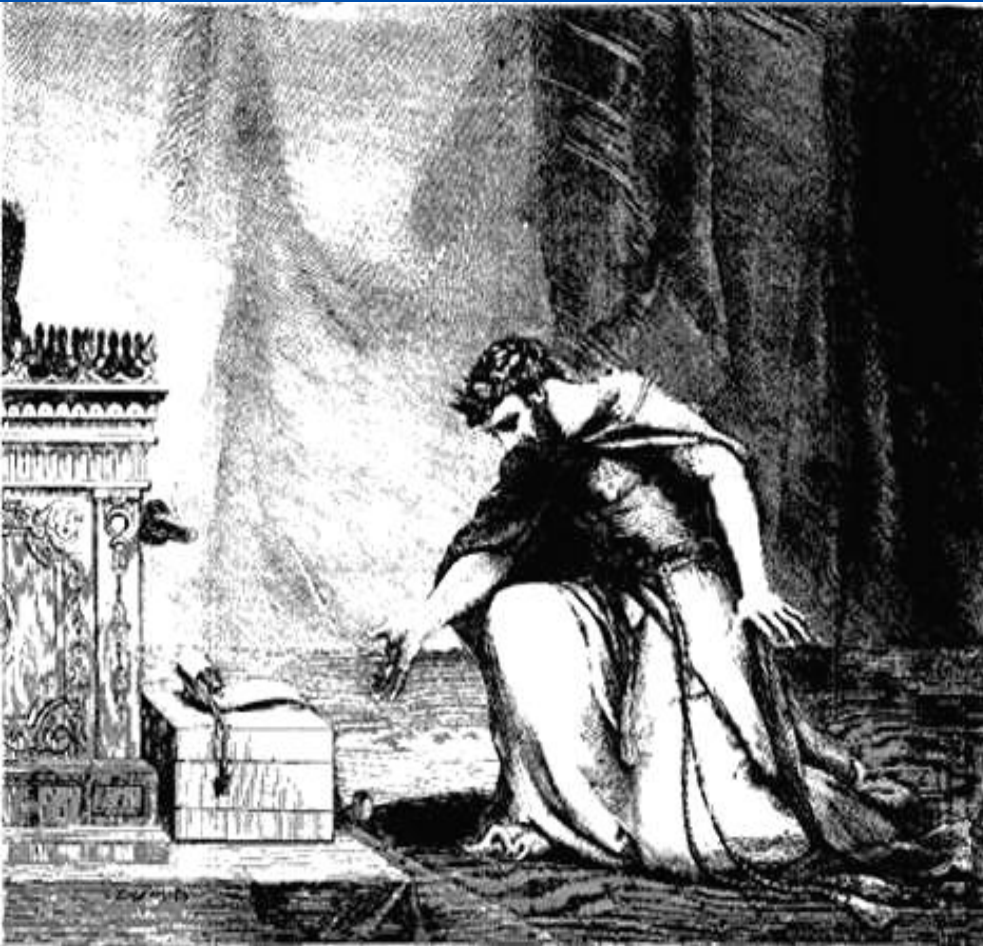


# SENNACHERIB CONDEMNS HIMSELF BY HIS OWN WORDS



- 2 messages sent to Hezekiah by Sennacherib
- 1<sup>st</sup> message sent orally via Rav-Shekeh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> message sent in writing
- Message not only threatened Judah, but also blasphemed YHWH
- ***Melech Hizkiyahu*** (King Hezekiah) placed the letter before God



# BELIEVERS AS GOD'S AVENGERS?



- Principle: If someone blasphemes God in your presence, take the matter to God
- God does NOT assign His worshippers the duty of avenging Him
- Islam believes that they are Allah's avengers
- King Hezekiah did not respond to Sennacherib but took up the matter with YHWH



# One GOD or Many GODs?

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 19:15-19 Hezekiah's prayer redefines Monotheism
- God is not only "echad", in the sense of a complete unity, but He is also the ONLY God in existence
- Hebrews until now believed that each nation had their own set of gods
- But Israel's God was a jealous god who didn't allow other gods to rule with Him over Israel
- Progressive revelation now allows Hezekiah to see that there is but one God for everyone and everything, in heaven and earth

# RIGHTEOUSNESS ALLOWS US TO SEE THE WORLD AS IT IS

- King Hezekiah admits that Sennacherib can do what it is that he threatens
- We approach God by admitting our situation seems hopeless
- First step: acknowledge His sovereignty and that He is the only avenue of deliverance



**HUMILITY BEFORE GOD !**

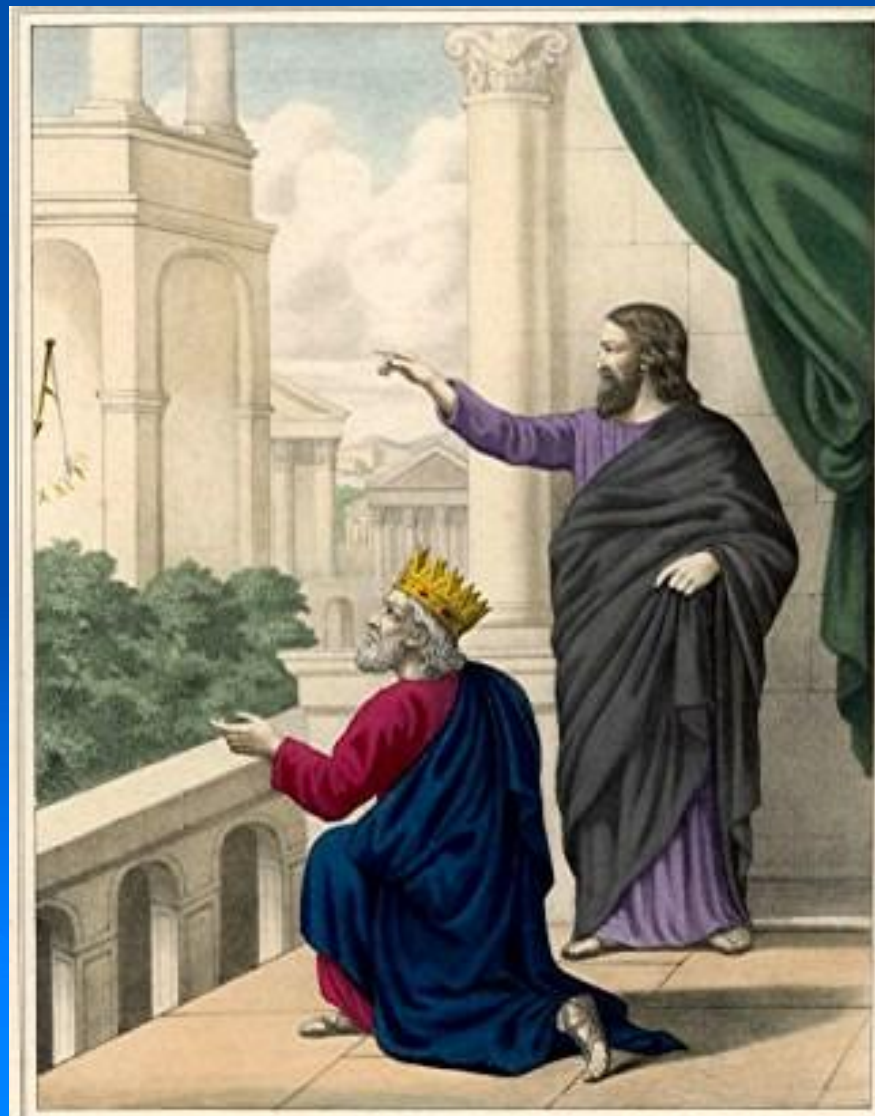
# IDOLS AND OTHER GODS ARE NOT REAL



- If these idols were real gods, how could humans destroy them?
- Merely careful human observation proves that YHWH is real, and He is the **ONLY** God
- Romans 1:18-25

# GOD RESPONDS TO HEZEKIAH THROUGH ISAIAH

- The only LOGICAL thing for Hezekiah to do is to ask for God's mercy
- God's reply in 3 parts:
  - 1) vss. 21-28 Addressed to Sennacherib directly
  - 2) vss. 29-31 Addressed to Hezekiah directly
  - 3) vss. 32 -34 The prophecy to deliver Judah and judge Sennacherib



# THE LORD ADDRESSES SENNACHERIB

- Vs. 21 Virgin daughter of Zion
- Unmarried girl has never joined herself to a husband
- She (Jerusalem) looks upon her foreign suitor (Assyria) with scorn
- Vs. 22 Who have you insulted, Sennacherib? The God of the Universe !!



# SENNACHERIB AS A PUPPET



- Long ago the Lord had planned to use Assyria to judge other wicked nations
- Lord speaks of His own omniscience and knows what a human is thinking before he acts
- Sennacherib is weighed down with pride, and YWHW will use that pride to destroy him



# GOD IMPLANTS IRRESISTIBLE THOUGHTS IN THE KING'S MIND

- King Gog and King Sennacherib both suffer the same fate
- They embrace those implanted thoughts as their own
- Something is going to happen to cause the King of Assyria to go back home, defeated, and he will never try to attack Judah again



# END TIMES?



**BEWARE  
of FALSE  
PROPHETS.**

Matthew 7:15

## THE NATURE OF PROPHECY

- It is a biblical rarity that when the Lord predicts what will happen, do we learn HOW and what it will LOOK like
- Modern day novelists, pastors, and “prophets” speculate and predict
- Religious authorities before Yeshua did the same and led the Jews astray
- Learn the bible so that you can know biblical truth from manmade claims

# GOD'S SIGN OF GUARANTEE

- The sign is in the agriculture
- Fields left unplanted due to Assyrian invasion
- 1<sup>st</sup> year, volunteer crops
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year, another year of volunteer crops
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year, normal planting and harvest
- Hebrew survivors will flourish
- It will be by God's zeal, and not the merit or work of the people that it will happen



# THEN END OF ASSYRIAN ASPIRATIONS

- Vs. 32 God says Sennacherib will never attack Jerusalem
- **Malach YHWH** (Angel of the Lord) kills 185,000 Assyrian troops overnight
- Bible scholars of the Critical School don't believe in miracles, so look for "natural" answers
- Sennacherib returns home and is assassinated by his own sons
- Esarhaddon is the new King of Assyria

