A NATION UNDER JUDGMENT
STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ISAIAH
Isaiah 36-39

“RECOGNIZING SPIRITUAL WARFARE FROM INTIMIDATION, TO INTERCESSION, TO DIVINE INTERVENTION”

INTRODUCTION: Biblical history is recorded for a number of reasons, one of which is to help us see how God has revealed Himself through human affairs, so we can profit from the moral lessons learned from the lives of others. The chapters we are studying are not in chronological order, and we will learn from what King Hezekiah did right and what he did wrong. We will discover how God intervenes for the sake of His own glory and the good of His children.

BACKGROUND: Assyria has already conquered the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and 40 of the fortified cities in the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Hezekiah had tried to appease the Assyrians by giving them money from the temple treasuries, and he also was reaching out to Egypt for help. Jerusalem was under attack, and it was a life-threatening, intimidating situation.

I. SATAN LOVES TO INTIMIDATE BELIEVERS AND GET US TO DOUBT GOD’S PROMISES. (Isaiah 36:1-21)

A. Assyria used physical and verbal threats in an attempt to get Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem to doubt God’s ability to protect them. (Isaiah 36:1-6) (2nd Kings 18:13-16)

B. The Assyrian commander used ridicule and misinterpretation of Scripture to scare God’s people. How do you handle ridicule? (Isaiah 36:6-10)

C. Satan loves to project worse case scenarios to make us consider taking his way out. Do not fall for it! (Isaiah 36:11-21)

II. INTERCESSION IS THE FIRST RESPONSE TO AN ATTACK. WHEN SATAN KNOCKS ON YOUR DOOR, MAKE SURE YOU LET THE LORD ANSWER IN YOUR PLACE! (Isaiah 37:1-37)

A. The Lord is greater than the threat, and Hezekiah knew the best thing to do was to seek wisdom from the Lord. (Isaiah 37:1-7)

B. The enemy has conquered others and may remind you of how he defeated them. That does not mean he will conquer you! Who you know and trust makes all the difference. (Isaiah 37:8-13)

C. The Lord inhabits the praise of His people. If you need to see Him do more, praise Him more! (Isaiah 37:14-20)

D. The Lord has solutions you cannot even begin to imagine. He can handle His business and yours also! (Isaiah 37:21-35)

III. THE LORD KNOWS THE PERFECT TIME FOR A DIVINE INTERVENTION IN YOUR LIFE. (Isaiah 37:36-39:8)
A. God sent one angel to kill 185,000 soldiers in one night, and later the wicked Assyrian leader was assassinated by his own sons as he worshipped his idols. Keep on believing that Christ can change your situation! (Isaiah 37:36-38)

B. Hezekiah cried out to the Lord and took instructions from Isaiah. Do not wait until you get sick to cry out to the Lord. (Isaiah 38)

C. The enemy has many subtle ways to attack us and catch us off guard. Hezekiah showed off what should have been kept private. Do not let the wrong people see everything God has given you! (Isaiah 39)

Satan will use direct attacks, intimidation, discouragement, and deception to make us his victims.

Be vigilant, fight the good fight of faith, and trust the Lord for the victorious outcome!

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