

Scene #2: Hezekiah's Faith (ch.36-37)

Chapter 36:

- ☞ Captured the fortified cities - Hezekiah tried to pay him off (2 Kings 18)
- ☞ Therefore Sennacherib's armies surround Jerusalem (v.1)
- ☞ Message sent to Hezekiah (v.4-10)
 - ☞ Reliance on Egypt hopeless (v.4-7)
 - ☞ Trusting in God ruled out (v.7)
 - ☞ Hezekiah has no manpower (v.8-9)
 - ☞ Assyria have a divine mandate (v.10)
- ☞ Therefore: Standing firm is useless?

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Chapter 37:

- ☞ Turn back to faith
- ☞ Sends for Isaiah (v.1-7)
- ☞ Confidence in God returns
- ☞ Hezekiah's response to a new letter (v.14-20):
 - ☞ All focused on God
 - ☞ Recognises God as the LORD of the Nations
- ☞ The LORD delivers on his promises: Sennacherib's armies destroyed (v.36-37) & Sennacherib murdered (v.38)

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Hezekiah: A Question of Trust

2 lessons:

- ☞ Whatever you rely on apart from the LORD will end up devouring you
- ☞ God is trustworthy and remains faithful to his promises
- ☞ Sennacherib's question:
 - ☞ In whom do you trust? Where is your confidence?

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