



SENNACHERIB'S ARMED FORCES ARE DEFEATED IN A SINGLE NIGHT

2 Kings 18–19

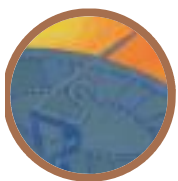
About 700 years before Christ's birth, Hezekiah became king in Judah.

He was a God-fearing man who kept the Lord's commandments. Under his rule, the divine services were re-introduced and Ashtaroth's idols, which the Israelites had worshipped until then, were destroyed. Of Hezekiah it can be said that he truly trusted God.

In the 14th year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib, king of the Assyrians, waged war on Judah. Sennacherib spread much fear and terror because he captured all of Judah's fortified cities. Then he took a big army to Jerusalem in order to also take the capital where Hezekiah was staying.

Close to the city of Jerusalem the Assyrians made camp. Messengers were sent to Hezekiah. They mocked the living God and jeered at Hezekiah for trusting the Lord. In his distress, Hezekiah sent messengers to the prophet Isaiah to ask for help. He himself went into the temple to beseech God. So God sent the prophet to Hezekiah to tell him, "I have heard what you prayed because of Sennacherib. This is my word: He will not enter this city, I want to protect it."

During that same night, the angel of the Lord went out and killed 185,000 men in the Assyrians' camp. When so many were found dead the next morning, Sennacherib withdrew to Niniveh, a journey of about 1,000 km. One day, as he was praying to his god Nisroch in the temple, his sons killed him with the sword.



HEZEKIAH'S ILLNESS AND RECOVERY

2 Kings 20

It happened that Hezekiah became critically ill. God sent Isaiah to him, telling him that he would soon die.

Hezekiah wept bitterly and asked God for help.

Then God sent prophet Isaiah to Hezekiah once again, telling him, "Thus saith the Lord: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. Behold, I want to make you well and will add 15 years to your life. I will save you and this city from the king of the Assyrians." To confirm this, God had the shadow on the sundial go backwards ten degrees.



EXERCISE 1



Prophet Jeremiah's calling is provided below. Read the Bible text, Jeremiah 1:4–10, and write down the fundamentals that make up the calling. The underlined letters will help you.

4. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying:

5. 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.'

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6. Then said I: 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.'

7. But the Lord said to me: 'Do not say, I am a youth, for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

8. 'Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you,' says the Lord.

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9. Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: 'Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10. 'See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant.'

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EXERCISE 2



The prophets Isaiah and Micah foretold the coming of the Redeemer already 700 years before Christ's birth. On this worksheet you will find some particulars of what they predicted.

Read the following Bible passages and assign the references to the prophets' predictions below.

Isaiah 7:14 – Isaiah 9:6 – Isaiah 53:5 – Micah 5:2

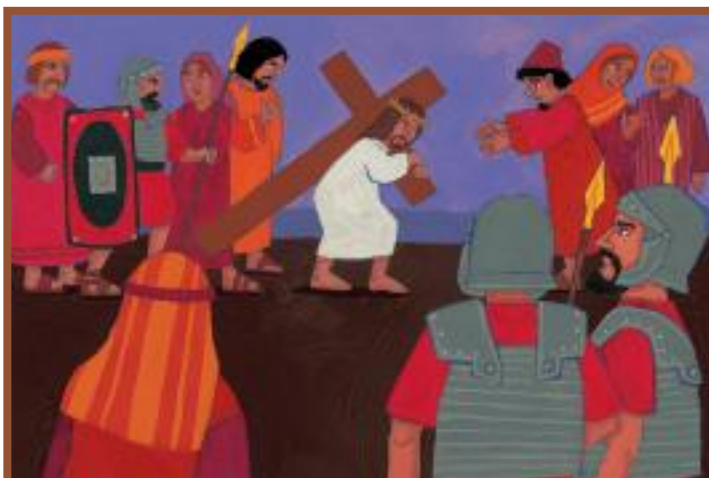
Note: One of the passages covers two predictions.

His name is Immanuel.

He is the Prince of Peace.

His mother is a virgin.

He will be born in Bethlehem.



But He was wounded for our transgressions and was bruised for our iniquities.
