

# **The Future Glory of Zion**

## **Isaiah 35**

**The blessings of the Millennium and God's kingdom**

### **A. Restoration of Material Earth in the Millennium (Isaiah 35:1-2)**

- 1. A reversal of desert from God's judgment (35:1)**
- 2. A literal event from God's grace (35:2)**

**Isaiah 40:5**

- 3. A anticipated event**

**Romans 8:22**

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### **B. Renewal of Man in the Millennium (Isaiah 35:3-6)**

#### **1. A supernatural spiritual restoration (35:3-5)**

**a. To get up when in distress**

**1 Thessalonians 5:14**

**b. To stand on the promise of God**

**Psalm 40:2**

**c. To spiritually discern**

**Psalm 146:8**

#### **2. A supernatural physical restoration (35:6)**

**a. Christ's earthly ministry the preview**

**b. Christ's earthly reign the prospect**

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### **C. The Right Way Revealed (Isaiah 35:7-9)**

#### **1. The land prepared (35:7)**

**Hosea 10:12**

#### **2. A single highway (35:8)**

**a. A single destination**

**b. A single practice**

#### **3. No threats in the way (35:9)**

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### **D. The Return of Ransomed to Zion (Isaiah 35:10)**

#### **1. The people identified**

**Zechariah 14:16-17**

**Colossians 1:21**

#### **2. The results of redemption**

##### **a. Praise**

**Isaiah 51:11**

##### **b. Peace**

**Matthew 11:28**

## **Luke 21:28**

**And when these things begin to come to pass,  
then look up, and lift up your heads; for your  
redemption draweth nigh.**

# **The Siege of Jerusalem**

## **Isaiah 36**

**Put your trust in God when surrounded by the enemy**

**2 Corinthians 7:5**

**For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were fears.**

# **I. The Threat (Isaiah 36:1-3)**

## **Isaiah 36:1-3**

**1 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.**

**2 And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.**

**3 Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder.**

# **I. The Threat (Isaiah 36:1-3)**

**A. No one can stop the attack (36:1)**

**B. The enemy is near just as God said (36:2)**

**Isaiah 7:3**

**Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;**

**C. The enemy wants to meet you (36:3)**

**Luke 22:31**

**And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:**

## **II. The Taunts (Isaiah 36:4-11)**

### **A. What are you thinking? (36:4-5)**

#### **Isaiah 36:4-5**

**4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?**

**5 I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words) I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?**

## **II. The Taunts (Isaiah 36:4-11)**

**B. Why are you making the same mistake as Ahaz?**

**Isaiah 36:6**

**Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him.**

**C. Why are you trusting in a God that you can't worship anymore? (36:7)**

**Isaiah 36:7**

**But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?**

## **II. The Taunts (Isaiah 36:4-11)**

**D. Don't you know you could not even fight if I give you the means? (36:8-9)**

**Isaiah 36:8-9**

**8 Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.**

**9 How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen?**

**PS: You cannot buy your way out of this anyway**

## **II. The Taunts (Isaiah 36:4-11)**

### **2 Kings 18:13-16**

**13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.**

**14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.**

**15 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house.**

**16 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.**

## **II. The Taunts (Isaiah 36:4-11)**

**E. Don't you know your God sent me here? (36:10)**

**Isaiah 36:10**

**10 And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? the LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.**

**2 Corinthians 11:14-15**

**14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

**15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

## **II. The Taunts (Isaiah 36:4-11)**

**F. The goal of the taunts - to instill fear in the people  
(36:11)**

**Isaiah 36:11**

**Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh,  
Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian  
language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the  
Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the  
wall.**

### **III. The Tests (Isaiah 36:12-22)**

#### **A. For the people (36:12-20)**

##### **1. Fear - A bleak picture painted (v 12)**

**Isaiah 36:12**

**But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?**

### **III. The Tests (Isaiah 36:12-22)**

#### **A. For the people (36:12-20) - continued**

##### **2. Hezekiah's authority challenged (vv 13-15)**

##### **Isaiah 36:13-15**

**13 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.**

**14 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.**

**15 Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.**

### **III. The Tests (Isaiah 36:12-22)**

#### **A. For the people (36:12-20) - continued**

##### **3. The people's faith challenged (vv 16-20)**

###### **a. Take the easy way out (vv 16-17)**

#### **Isaiah 36:16-17**

**16 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;**

**17 Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards.**

### **III. The Tests (Isaiah 36:12-22)**

**A. For the people (36:12-20) - continued**

**3. The people's faith challenged (vv 16-20)**

**b. Other faiths have failed (vv 18-20)**

**Isaiah 36:18-20**

**18 Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, the LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?**

**19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?**

**20 Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?**

### **III. The Tests (Isaiah 36:12-22)**

#### **B. For the king's messengers (36:21-22)**

##### **1. Obedience to the king (v 21)**

###### **Isaiah 36:21**

**But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.**

##### **2. A true report (v 22)**

###### **Isaiah 36:22**

**Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.**

**What Will We Do When We Are Face  
To Face With The Enemy?**