

## 2 Chronicles 32-33

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### 2 Chronicles 32

#### Sennacherib Boasts Against the LORD

<sup>1</sup> After these deeds of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them over to himself. <sup>2</sup> And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib had come, and that his purpose was to make war against Jerusalem, <sup>3</sup> he consulted with his leaders and commanders<sup>[a]</sup> to stop the water from the springs which *were* outside the city; and they helped him. <sup>4</sup> Thus many people gathered together who stopped all the springs and the brook that ran through the land, saying, “Why should the kings<sup>[b]</sup> of Assyria come and find much water?” <sup>5</sup> And he strengthened himself, built up all the wall that was broken, raised *it* up to the towers, and *built* another wall outside; also he repaired the Millo<sup>[c]</sup> in the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. <sup>6</sup> Then he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying, <sup>7</sup> “Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that *is* with him; for *there are* more with us than with him. <sup>8</sup> With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles.” And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

<sup>9</sup> After this Sennacherib king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem (but he and all the forces with him *laid siege* against Lachish), to Hezekiah king of Judah, and to all Judah who *were* in Jerusalem, saying, <sup>10</sup> “Thus says Sennacherib king of Assyria: ‘In what do you trust, that you remain under siege in Jerusalem? <sup>11</sup> Does not Hezekiah persuade you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, “The LORD our God will deliver us from the hand of the king of Assyria?” <sup>12</sup> Has not the same Hezekiah taken away His high places and His altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, “You shall worship before one altar and burn incense on it?” <sup>13</sup> Do you not know what I and my fathers have done to all the peoples of *other* lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hand? <sup>14</sup> Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed that could deliver his people from my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you from my hand? <sup>15</sup> Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah deceive you or persuade you like this, and do not believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people from my hand or the hand of my fathers. How much less will your God deliver you from my hand?”

<sup>16</sup> Furthermore, his servants spoke against the LORD God and against His servant Hezekiah.

<sup>17</sup> He also wrote letters to revile the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, “As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people from my hand, so the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His people from my hand.” <sup>18</sup> Then they called out with a loud voice in Hebrew<sup>[d]</sup> to the people of Jerusalem who *were* on the wall, to frighten them and trouble them, that they might take the city. <sup>19</sup> And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth—the work of men’s hands.

#### Sennacherib’s Defeat and Death

<sup>20</sup> Now because of this King Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, prayed and cried out to heaven. <sup>21</sup> Then the LORD sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land. And when he had gone into the temple of his god, some of his own offspring struck him down with the sword there.

<sup>22</sup> Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *others*, and guided them<sup>[e]</sup> on every side. <sup>23</sup> And many brought gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah, so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations thereafter.

### **Hezekiah Humbles Himself**

<sup>24</sup> In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death, and he prayed to the LORD; and He spoke to him and gave him a sign. <sup>25</sup> But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favor *shown* him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup> Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

### **Hezekiah's Wealth and Honor**

<sup>27</sup> Hezekiah had very great riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, for gold, for precious stones, for spices, for shields, and for all kinds of desirable items; <sup>28</sup> storehouses for the harvest of grain, wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of livestock, and folds for flocks.<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>29</sup> Moreover he provided cities for himself, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much property. <sup>30</sup> This same Hezekiah also stopped the water outlet of Upper Gihon, and brought the water by tunnel<sup>[g]</sup> to the west side of the City of David. Hezekiah prospered in all his works.

<sup>31</sup> However, *regarding* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was *done* in the land, God withdrew from him, in order to test him, that He might know all *that was* in his heart.

### **Death of Hezekiah**

<sup>32</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, indeed they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. <sup>33</sup> So Hezekiah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the upper tombs of the sons of David; and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored him at his death. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his place.

## **2 Chronicles 33**

### **Manasseh Reigns in Judah**

<sup>1</sup> Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. <sup>3</sup> For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he raised up altars for the Baals, and made wooden images; and he worshiped all the host of heaven<sup>[h]</sup> and served them. <sup>4</sup> He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, “In Jerusalem shall My name be forever.” <sup>5</sup> And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. <sup>7</sup> He even set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, “In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever; <sup>8</sup> and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers—only if they are careful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.” <sup>9</sup> So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel.

#### **Manasseh Restored After Repentance**

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks,<sup>[i]</sup> bound him with bronze *fetters*, and carried him off to Babylon. <sup>12</sup> Now when he was in affliction, he implored the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, <sup>13</sup> and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD *was* God. <sup>14</sup> After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and *it* enclosed Ophel, and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah. <sup>15</sup> He took away the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem; and he cast *them* out of the city. <sup>16</sup> He also repaired the altar of the LORD, sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. <sup>17</sup> Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, *but* only to the LORD their God.

#### **Death of Manasseh**

<sup>18</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, indeed they *are written* in the book<sup>[j]</sup> of the kings of Israel. <sup>19</sup> Also his prayer and *how God* received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they *are written* among the sayings of Hozai.<sup>[k]</sup> <sup>20</sup> So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

#### **Amon's Reign and Death**

<sup>21</sup> Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

<sup>22</sup> But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh had done; for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and served them. <sup>23</sup> And he did not humble himself before the LORD, as his father Manasseh had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

<sup>24</sup> Then his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house. <sup>25</sup> But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

## **John 18:19-40**

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### **Jesus Questioned by the High Priest**

<sup>19</sup> The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.

<sup>20</sup> Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet,<sup>[a]</sup> and in secret I have said nothing. <sup>21</sup> Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."

<sup>22</sup> And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

<sup>24</sup> Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

### **Peter Denies Twice More**

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also *one* of His disciples, are you?"

He denied *it* and said, "I am not!"

<sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative *of him* whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" <sup>27</sup> Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

### **In Pilate's Court**

<sup>28</sup> Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

<sup>30</sup> They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him

up to you.”

<sup>31</sup> Then Pilate said to them, “You take Him and judge Him according to your law.”

Therefore the Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,”<sup>32</sup> that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”

<sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?”

Jesus answered, “You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

<sup>38</sup> Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.

#### **Taking the Place of Barabbas**

<sup>39</sup> “But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”

<sup>40</sup> Then they all cried again, saying, “Not this Man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.