

What was the ground of Hezekiah's prayer?

V. 19.

In what sense does the word *daughter* seem to be used in verse 21?

What is the purpose of the questions in the 22nd verse?

What inward feeling is suggested by the second pair of questions?

What explanation does God give of the triumph of the Assyrian king over other nations? Vs, 35, 26. *Into mine ears* (V. 28).

Give other passages containing a similar figure, Deut. 2: 15; Isa. 41: 2; Ps. 11: 4; Jas. 5: 4.

What does the 29th verse suggest as to the duration of the siege?

The 30th and 31st verses suggest that Judah is to continue as a nation: how many years elapsed until the Babylonish captivity?

How was the prophecy of V. 32 fulfilled?

What is the reference in the words "for David's sake?"

How was the later overthrow of the city consistent with God's promise to David?

In view of the statements of the 29th verse, what meaning must be attached to the words *that night* in V. 35?

What does the 37th verse suggest regarding the family life in the home of Sennacherib?

### Sennacherib's Story.

Nearly every year brings some new confirmation of Bible history dug from buried ruins in the East. The *Taylor Cylinder* found among the ruins of Nineveh, and now at the British Museum, has Sennacherib's own story of his invasion of Judah: See 2 King: 18: 15, 16.

"Because Hezekiah, king of Judah, would not submit to my yoke, I came up against him, and by force of arms and by the might of my power, I took forty-six of his strong fenced cities and of the smaller towns which were scattered about. With the marching of a host and surrounding of a multitude, with attack of ranks, and force of battering rams, and mining and missiles, I besieged and captured a countless number.

From these places I took and carried off 200,150 persons, old and young, male and female, together with horses and mules, asses and camels, oxen and sheep, a countless multitude.

And Hezekiah himself I shut up in Jerusa-

### ADDED POINTS.

1. Friendship with God's prophet was a sign of a good king, V. 20.
2. Holiness is a special feature in the character of God, V. 22.
3. Rage against God is always self-destruction, V. 28.
4. War means calamity; peace means prosperity, V. 29.
5. God's interest in us is our only safety, V. 31.
6. God's messenger brings deliverances, whether by healing or smiting, V. 35.
7. A man's character is likely to be inherited by his children, V. 37.

### THE BLACKBOARD.

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lem, his capital city, like a bird in a cage building towers around the city to hem him in, and raising banks of earth against the gates, so as to prevent escape.

Then upon this Hezekiah there fell the fear of the power of my arms, and he sent out to me the chiefs and elders of Jerusalem, with 30 talents of gold, and 800 talents of silver, precious stones of large size, couches of ivory,—works of every kind—an abundant treasure.

All these things were brought to me at Nineveh, the city of my dominion, Hezekiah having sent them by way of tribute, and as a token of his submission to my power."

"God waited long before sending deliverance, not because he was unwilling to give, but that his gifts might bring moral and spiritual benefits and save from sin. Had the deliverance come without prayer, they would not have been made to see God's hand in it, his love, his care, his desire for their good. The very best part of the blessing would have been left out."