

SENNACHERIB'S INVASION

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Lesson 1.

2 Chronicles 32 : 9-23. Study the chapter. Commit to memory vs. 19-21(a).^{*}
Read Isaiah, chs. 36, 37.**GOLDEN TEXT**—With us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles.—2 Chronicles 32 : 8.

9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying,

10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem?

11 Both not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it?

13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand?

14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

16 And his servants spake yet more against the Lord God, and against his servant Hezekiah.

Revised Version.—now he was before Lachish; ¹the; ²their land; ³believe ye him; ⁴which; ⁵And ⁶men's hands; ⁷Omit for this cause; ⁸because of this; ⁹peoples of the lands; ¹⁰they cried; ¹¹language; ¹²of; ¹³peoples; ¹⁴are; ¹⁵exalted.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Boastful Invader, 9-19.
- II. The Great Deliverance, 20, 21.
- III. The Prosperous Kingdom, 22, 23.

DAILY READINGS

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- M.—Hezekiah's preparation, 2 Chron. 32 : 1-8.
T.—Sennacherib's invasion, 2 Chron. 32 : 9-15. W.—Sennacherib's invasion, 2 Chron. 32 : 16-23. Th.—Seeking the Lord, Isa. 37 : 1-13. F.—Earnest prayer, Isa. 37 : 14-26. S.—The answer, Isa. 37 : 27-38. S.—Refuge in God, Psalm 27.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—B. C. 701; Jerusalem.

Connecting Links—From the writings of John, we return for six months to the Old Testament. Lesson XI., Fourth Quarter, 1904 (2 Kings 17 : 6-18), described the fall of Israel, the Northern Kingdom, in 722 or 721 B. C. and the carrying of its people to captivity in Assyria. Judah, the Southern Kingdom, stood for about a century and a half longer, before a similar fate befell it at the hands of the same powerful foe. The Lessons for the present Quarter cover this period.

When Hezekiah (726-697 B. C.) came to the throne of Judah, his country was in vas-

salage to Assyria. This was the price paid by Ahaz, father of Hezekiah, for Assyria's help against Damascus and Israel, 2 Kings 16 : 5-9. Hezekiah revolted against Assyria (2 Kings 18 : 7); but when he saw Sennacherib moving against him with a great army, he lost courage, changed his mind, and paid a heavy fine (see 2 Kings 18 : 13-16). Not satisfied with this, Sennacherib demanded the surrender of Jerusalem and the acceptance of an Assyrian garrison. (See also Light from the East.)

I. The Boastful Invader, 9-19.

V. 9. (Read the account in 2 Kings 18 : 17-37.) After this; Hezekiah's preparations

^{*}The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Lessons are recommended as a substitute for those given here Sabbath by Sabbath. They will be found in the Supplemental Lesson Leaflet.