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## II CHRONICLES 32:1-8, 22-23

### HEZEKIAH RALLIES JUDAH'S ARMY— July 11, 2021

#### INTRODUCTION:

Hezekiah, king of Judah, son Ahaz, a wicked king, but Hezekiah reigned over the southern kingdom of Judah for 29yrs. His name means *"Yahweh has strengthened."* He reorganized the temple service and celebrated the Passover to which he invited the tribes of Israel (2 Chronicle 29-30:13). He brought about a revival of religion by organizing the worship of God in the temple, encouraging His people to serve and obey God and worked earnestly to drive out idolatry. He was greatly assisted by the prophet Isaiah. He was zealously committed to the Law and doing that which was good before the Lord his God, thereby prospering.

#### LESSON: I. PREPARATION FOR A SIEGE 2 CHRONICLES 32:1-5

**32:1** After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.

*"After these things"* meant the things that had occurred in the previous chapter talking about the many reforms of Hezekiah and organizing the worship of God in the temple and establishments. After all the good he had done, and his faithfulness to God, here comes Sennacherib, the king of Assyria coming to attack him. He and his armies surrounded and camped by the fenced cities which were the strong walls of the city, for it didn't matter, Sennacherib intended to capture Judah for himself.

**32:2** And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

**32:3** He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him. Hezekiah realized what was going on and that king Sennacherib had purposed to fight Jerusalem. Hezekiah readily took counsel; got his princes and military staff—mighty men together to stop the fountains of water that came from the ground outside the city. That was strategic preparation—no water supply for those wanting to fight against him. Those with Hezekiah, the officials and the officers pledged their support and helped him to do this.

**32:4** So there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?

From the counsel that Hezekiah received, many people gathered together to stop all the fountains, springs, running streams and the brook running in the midst of the land nearby that supplied water, for they said *"Why should king of Assyria come and attack us and find an abundance of water?"* This would hinder the enemy.

**32:5** Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall without, and repaired Millo in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. In this process of hindering the enemy Hezekiah had took courage to strengthen his defenses by repairing the wall wherever it was broken down, and he added further fortifications and constructed a second wall outside it. He also built up all the wall of the city and repaired Millo in the city of David. He also made an abundant amount of weapons and shields. So, since Sennacherib intended to capture Judah for





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himself, Hezekiah prepared all of this to fortify the defense of Jerusalem for the siege.

## II. ENCOURAGEMENT TO STAND STRONG 2 CHRONICLES 32:6-8

**32:6** And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying,— Hezekiah recruited an army and appointed captains of war over the people and met with all of them in the large area near the city gate and he began to encourage them.

**32:7** Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:— Hezekiah tells them: "*Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed*" are words based on the speech of Moses to Joshua. Romans 8:31b says, "*If God be for us who can be against us.*" These words of encouragement are to anyone who may be fearful. At this point Hezekiah and his army are not to be afraid of the king of Assyria nor the multitude that's outside the city gate, for there's a greater power with Hezekiah than there is with Sennacherib. Sennacherib's army was of the flesh, but Hezekiah's army was of the Spirit of the Lord God to help them, and to fight their battles! And what Hezekiah the king of Judah said encouraged the people. Hezekiah could see with "*eyes of faith*" and the number of his opponents meant nothing as long as he was on the Lord's side.

**32:8** 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 rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah. Hezekiah continues to tell them that Sennacherib's army was of the flesh, but Hezekiah's army was of the Spirit of the Lord God to help them, and to fight their battles! What Hezekiah the king of Judah said brought confidence and encouraged the people. Victory is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord Almighty (Zechariah 4:6).

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## III. VICTORY FROM THE LORD 2 CHRONICLES 32:22-23

**32:22** 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 other, and guided them on every side. Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem were saved by the Lord from the hand of the Assyrian king Sennacherib, and from the hand of all others. The Lord looked after them on every side.

**32:23** And many brought gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth. From then on Hezekiah became immensely respected among the surrounding nations, and many people brought gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem. And they brought valuable gifts to King Hezekiah of Judah.

### SUMMARY:

After all the good Hezekiah had done, his faithfulness to God, here comes Sennacherib, the king of Assyria coming to attack him. Their armies surrounded and camped by the fenced cities and he intended to capture Judah for himself. Hezekiah realized that king Sennacherib had purposed to fight Jerusalem. Hezekiah readily took counsel; got his princes and military staff—mighty men together to stop the fountains of water that was from the ground outside the city. So, many people gathered together to stop all the fountains of water in the midst of the land nearby that supplied water for they said "*Why should king of Assyria come to attack us and find an abundance of water?*" He thereby built up all the walls that was broken, raised it up to the towers, and another wall outside of it, and repaired Millo in the city of David,



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and made weapons and shields in abundance **(32:1-5)**.

Hezekiah recruited an army and appointed captains of war over the people and met with all of them in the large area near the city gate and he began to encourage them. *"Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed..."* At this point Hezekiah and his army are not to be afraid of the king of Assyria nor the multitude that's outside the city gate, for there's a greater power with Hezekiah than there is with Sennacherib. Sennacherib's army was of the flesh, but Hezekiah's army was of the Spirit of the Lord God to help them, and to fight their battles! And what Hezekiah the king of Judah said encouraged the people **(32:6-8)**.

Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem were saved by the Lord from the hand of the Assyrian king Sennacherib, and from the hand of all others. The Lord looked after them on every side. From then on Hezekiah became immensely respected among the surrounding nations, and many people brought gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem. And they brought valuable gifts to King Hezekiah of Judah **(32:22-23)**.