

Crossing a Bridge between Assyria and Babylon Isaiah 36-37

- I. A Transition
 - A. Chapters 36-39 form a narrative bridge between the escalating cycles of prophetic vision
 - B. Chapters 36-37 speak of the final thrust and ruin of Assyria
 - C. Chapters 38-39 speak of the rise and fall of Babylon
 - D. A good portion of Chapters 1-35 deal with the threat and fall of Assyria
- II. The Historical Interaction (36-37)
 - A. Assyria threatens Judah and blasphemes the Lord
 - 1. You won't be delivered
 - 2. Egypt can't help you
 - 3. The King can't help you
 - 4. Your God can't help you
 - B. Judah's response
 - 1. Hezekiah calls upon the prophet
 - 2. Hezekiah prays to God to honor His name and keep His covenant
 - C. The Lord's response
 - 1. He promises to deliver to the fullest
 - 2. He promises to do so "For My name's sake" & "My servant David's sake"
- III. The Theological Implications
 - A. God keeps His Word
 - 1. God declared that the Assyrian threat would come
 - 2. God declared that He Himself would put down the threat
 - 3. God declared that an even greater threat would come if repentance remained absent
 - 4. All these things come to pass in Chapters 36-39
 - B. God honors His name and His covenant
 - 1. The cry of the Old Testament – "That they may know that I am the LORD"
 - 2. God is a covenant-making, covenant-keeping God.