

Catching Up in Isaiah

St. Raymond's Adult Bible Study

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PRAYER BEFORE READING THE BIBLE

SHINE within my heart, Loving Master, the pure light of Your Divine knowledge, and open the eyes of my mind that I may understand Your teaching. Instill in me reverence for Your commandments, so that having conquered my sinful desires, I may pursue a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing in Your sight. For You, Christ our God, are my light and my life, and to You we render glory together with Your Eternal Father ✠ and Your All-Holy Spirit, now and always, and forever and ever. Amen.

+ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.



Isaiah 36-39

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**The Victory of King
Hezekiah**

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Hezekiah

“Yah-Is-My-Strength”

Chapter 1

Enemy at the Gates



Sirach 49:4

Except **David** and **Hezekiah** and **Josiah** they all sinned greatly,
for they forsook the law of the Most
High,
the kings of Judah came to an end.

Isaiah 36:1-2

1 In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. **2** And the king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh... with a great army. And he stood **by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field.**

Isaiah 7:3-4

And the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and She'ar-jash'ub your son, **at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field**, and say to him, ‘Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint...

Isaiah 7:5-7

Because this people have refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and melt in fear before Rezin and the son of Remali'ah; therefore, behold, **the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River**, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory;

Isaiah 7:7-8

...and it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks; and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, **reaching even to the neck**; and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.”

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Isaiah 36:3

And there came out to him
Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who
was over the household, and
Shebna the secretary, and Joah
the son of Asaph, the recorder.



Isaiah 36:4-5

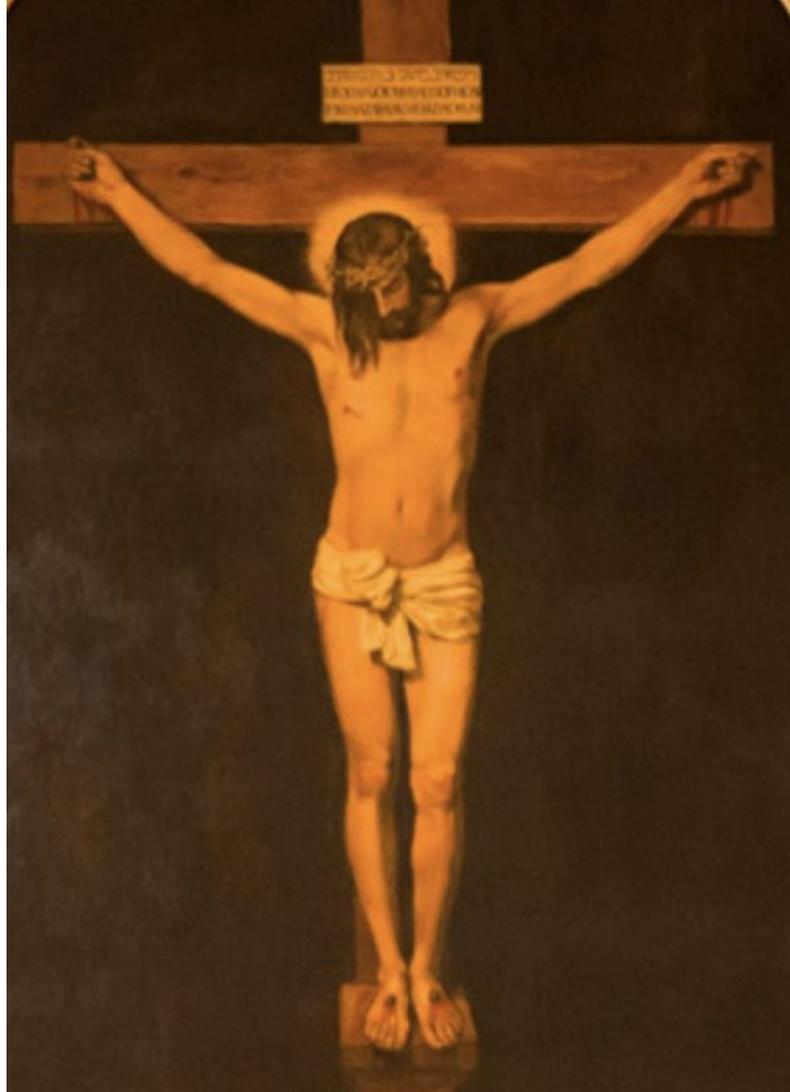
4 And the Rabshakeh said to them,
“...Thus says the great king, the king of
Assyria: **On what do you rest this
confidence of yours?** **5** Do you think that
mere words are strategy and power for
war? **On whom do you now rely**, that you
have rebelled against me?”

Isaiah 36:6

Behold, you are relying on Egypt,
that broken reed of a staff, **which**
will pierce the hand of any man
who leans on it. Such is Pharaoh
king of Egypt to all who rely on him.

Ezekiel 17:15

But he rebelled against him **by sending ambassadors to Egypt**, that they might give him horses and a large army. **Will he succeed?** Can a man escape who does such things? Can he break the covenant and yet escape?



1 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake **he made him to be sin** who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Isaiah 36:7

But if you say to me, “**We rely on the Lord our God,**” is it not he whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed.

Isaiah 36:10

Moreover, is it without the Lord that I have come up against this land to destroy it? **The Lord said to me**, Go up against this land, and destroy it.”

Isaiah 36:11

11 Then Eli'akim, Shebna, and Jo'ah said to the Rab'sshakeh, “**Pray, speak to your servants in Aramaic**, for we understand it; do not speak to us in the **language of Judah** within the hearing of the people who are on the wall.”

Isaiah 36:12

But the Rab'sshakeh said, "Has my master sent me to speak these words to your master and to you, and not to the men sitting on the wall, **who are doomed with you** to eat their own dung and drink their own urine?"



Isaiah 36:13-14

13 Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah: “Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! **14** Thus says the king: **‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you.**

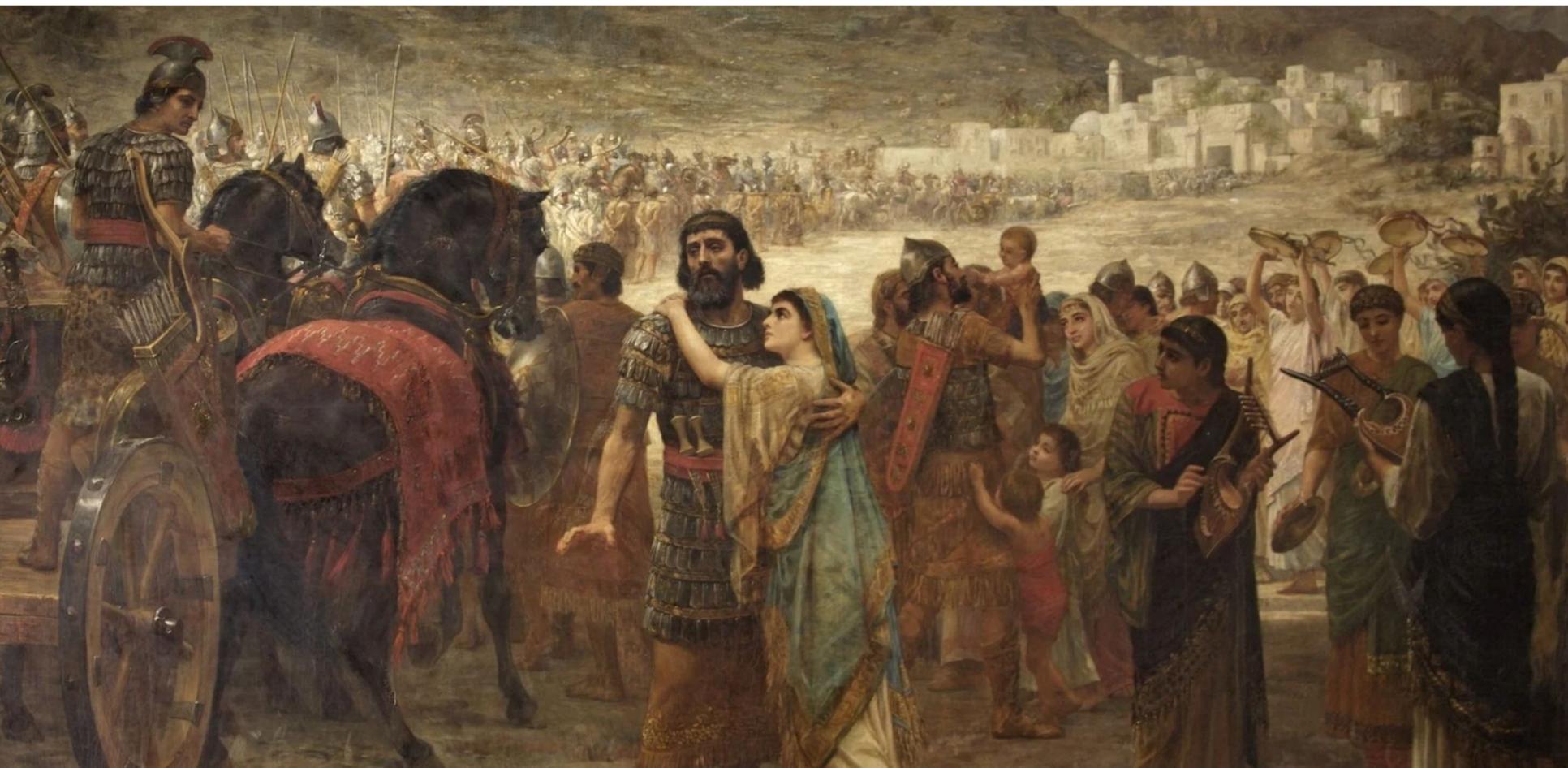
Isaiah 36:15

Do not let Hezekiah make you
rely on the Lord by saying, **“The
Lord will surely deliver us; this
city will not be given into the
hand of the king of Assyria.”**

Zion

Theology





Sin or Win!

Judith 8:18

“For never in our generation, nor in these present days, has there been any tribe or family or people or city of ours which worshiped gods made with hands, as was done in days gone by...

Judith 8:19

and **that was why** our fathers
were handed over to the sword,
and to be plundered, and so they
suffered a great catastrophe
before our enemies.

Judith 8:20

But **we know no other god but him**, and therefore we hope that he will not disdain us or any of our nation.

Isaiah 36:16

Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me and come out to me; **then every one of you will eat of his own vine, and every one of his own fig tree**, and every one of you will drink the water of his own cistern.

Micah 4:4

...they shall sit every man **under his
vine and under his fig tree,**
and none shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of
hosts has spoken.

George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation

May the Children of the Stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other Inhabitants; **while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and figtree**, and there shall be none to make him afraid.

Luke 4:10-11

...for it is written,

'He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Isaiah 36:17

until I come and **take you**
away to a land like your own
land, a land of grain and wine,
a land of bread and vineyards.

Isaiah 36:18

Beware lest Hezekiah mislead you by saying, "The Lord will deliver us." **Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?**

Isaiah 36:19-20

19 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samar'ia out of my hand?

Isaiah 36:21-22

21 But they were silent and answered him not a word, for the king's command was, "Do not answer him."

22 Then Eli'akim (et. al) came to Hezeki'ah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of the Rab'sshakeh.

Isaiah 37:1-2

1 When King Hezeki'ah heard it, he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. **2** And he sent Eli'akim (et. al.) clothed with sackcloth, **to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.**

Isaiah 37:3

3 They said to him, “Thus says Hezeki'ah, ‘This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of disgrace; **children have come to the birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth.**”

Isaiah 37:4 (to Isaiah)

4 It may be that the Lord your God **heard the words of the Rabshakeh**, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent **to mock the living God**, and will rebuke the words which the Lord your God has heard; therefore **lift up your prayer** for the remnant that is left.'"

James 5:16-18

The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. Elijah was a **man of like nature** with ourselves and he prayed fervently that it might not rain... Then he prayed again and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

Isaiah 37:5-7

6 Isaiah said to them, “Say to your master, ‘Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. **7** Behold, I will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and **I will make him fall by the sword in his own land.’”**

Isaiah 37:14-15

14 Hezeki'ah received [Rabshekah's] letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezeki'ah went up to the house of the Lord, and **spread it before the Lord.**

15 And Hezeki'ah prayed to the Lord:



Isaiah 37:17

Incline thy ear, O Lord, and hear;
open thy eyes, O Lord, and see;
and hear all the words of
Sennacherib, which he has sent
to mock the living God.

Isaiah 37:19-20

19 and have cast their gods into the fire; **for they were no gods**, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they were destroyed. **20** So now, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, **that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou alone art the Lord.**"

Isaiah 37:19-20

21 Then Isaiah [said] “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, **22 this is the word that the Lord** has spoken concerning him:

Isaiah 37:23

**'Whom have you mocked and
reviled?** Against whom have
you raised your voice
and haughtily lifted your eyes?
Against the Holy One of Israel!

Isaiah 37:29

Because you have raged against me and your arrogance has come to my ears, **I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth**, and I will turn you back on the way by which you came.'

Isaiah 37:36

And the angel of the Lord went forth, and **slew a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians**; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies.

Psalm 126:1-2

When the Lord restored the
fortunes of Zion,

we were like people dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with
laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy.



As for Hezekiah, the Jew,
who did not submit to my yoke, 46 of
his strong, walled cities, as well as
the small cities in their neighborhood,
which were without number,—by
levelling with battering-rams(?)

and counted as spoil. Himself, like
a caged bird

I shut up in Jerusalem his royal city.
Earthworks I threw up against him,—
the one coming out of the city-gate,
I turned back to his misery.

The cities of his, which I had
despoiled, I cut off from his land

As for Hezekiah,
the terrifying splendor of my majesty
overcame him, and
the Urbi (Arabs) and his mercen-
ary(?) troops which he had brought
in to strengthen
Jerusalem, his royal city,

To pay

tribute

and to accept (lit. do) servitude, he
dispatched his messengers.

I brought out of Bît-Yakin, (from)
the midst of the swamps and cane-
brakes,

and counted as spoil. I turned about
and ruined and devastated his cities:
I made them like ruin-heaps. Upon
his ally, the king of Elam,
I poured out terror.

Isaiah 37:37-38

37 Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, **and went home and dwelt at Nineveh.** **38** And as he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, Adrammelech and Sharezer, his sons, **slew him with the sword, and escaped into the land of Ararat.** And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

Chapter 2

Hezekiah's Illness



Isaiah 38:1

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord: **Set your house in order;** for you shall die, you shall not recover."

Isaiah 38:2-3

2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the Lord, **3** and said, “Remember now, O Lord, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in thy sight.” **And Hezekiah wept bitterly.**





Isaiah 38:4-5

4 Then the word of the Lord came to Isaiah: **5** “Go and say to Hezekiah, Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, **I have seen your tears**; behold, I will add fifteen years to your life.

Psalm 56:8

You have kept
count of my tossings;
put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not
in your record?

Isaiah 38:7-8

7 “This is the sign to you from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thing that he has promised: **8 Behold, I will make the shadow cast by the declining sun on the dial of Ahaz turn back ten steps.**” So the sun turned back on the dial the ten steps by which it had declined.



Joshua 10:12

Joshua spoke to the Lord; and he said in the sight of Israel,
“Sun, stand still at Gibeon,
and Moon, in the valley of
Aijalon.”

Joshua 10:13

And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,

until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

The sun stopped in midheaven, and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

Joshua 10:14

**There has been no day like
it before or since,** when the
Lord heeded a human voice;
for the Lord fought for Israel.





Isaiah 38:9

A writing of Hezekiah king
of Judah, after he had been
sick and had recovered
from his sickness:

Isaiah 38:10

I said, In the noontide of my
days **I must depart;**

I am consigned to the gates of
Sheol for the rest of my years.

Isaiah 38:11

I said, I shall not see the Lord
in the **land of the living**;
I shall look upon man no more
among the inhabitants of
the world.



Isaiah 38:13

I cry for help until morning;
**like a lion he breaks all my
bones;**

from day to night thou dost
bring me to an end.

Isaiah 38:13

Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your
cataracts;
**all your waves and your
billows** have gone over me.

Isaiah 38:14

Like a swallow or a crane I
clamor, **I moan like a dove.**

My eyes are weary with looking
upward. O Lord, I am oppressed;
be thou my security!

Isaiah 38:15

But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and **he himself has done it.**

All my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.

Isaiah 38:16

O Lord, by these things men
live, and in all these is the life of
my spirit.

Oh, restore me to health and
make me live!

Isaiah 38:17

Lo, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but thou hast held back my life from the pit of destruction, for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Isaiah 38:18

For Sheol cannot thank thee,

death cannot praise thee;

those who go down to the pit

cannot hope

for thy faithfulness.

Isaiah 38:19

The **living, the living**, he thanks
thee, as I do this day;
the father makes known to the
children
thy faithfulness.

Isaiah 38:20

The Lord will save me,
and we will sing to
stringed instruments
all the days of our life,
at the house of the Lord.

Chapter 3

Visitors from Babylon

Isaiah 39:1

At that time **Mero'dach-bal'adan** the son of **Bal'adan**, king of **Babylon**, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard that he had been sick and had recovered.

Isaiah 39:2

And **Hezekiah welcomed them**; and he showed them his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his whole armory, all that was found in his storehouses.

Isaiah 39:3

Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, “What did these men say? And whence did they come to you?” Hezeki'ah said, “**They have come to me from a far country, from Babylon.**”

Isaiah 39:4

He said, “What have they seen in your house?” Hezeki'ah answered, “They have seen **all that is in my house**; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them.”

Isaiah 39:5-6

Then Isaiah said to Hezeki'ah, "Hear the word of the Lord of hosts: Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, **shall be carried to Babylon**; nothing shall be left, says the Lord.

Isaiah 39:7

And some of your own sons,
who are born to you, shall be
taken away; and they shall be
**eunuchs in the palace of the
king of Babylon."**

Isaiah 39:8

Then said Hezeki'ah to Isaiah,
**“The word of the Lord which
you have spoken is good.”** For
he thought, “There will be peace
and security in my days.”

1 Thessalonians 5:3

While people are saying, “**There is peace and security,**” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Schedule

Next Class: Feb 9 / 10

Ezekiel 4-24

Glorious Saint Raymond of Peñafort, wise and holy patron, come to the aid of those entrusted to your care, and all who flee to your protection. Intercede for us in our need, and help us through your prayers, example, and teaching, to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to all we meet. And when we have reached the fullness of our years, we beseech you to guide us home to heaven, to live in peace with you, Our Mother Mary, and Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

