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Isa. 36:10

An Assyrian army came against Hezekiah and Jerusalem. Hezekiah sent three emissaries to speak to the army commander and Sennacherib's commander gave them this message, "*And am I come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, go up against this land, and destroy it.*" (Isa. 36:10). So, yes God is capable He was, He is and He will be capable to His people.

For those Bible readers will discover that the word LORD is in caps to indicate it is the name of God, or Yahweh. In other word Sennacherib says he did not go to attack and destroy that country without an order from God.

Did Assyria have an idolatrous prophet who was inspired by God to give this message to the commander or his king? Was this just an idolatrous ruler bragging that he had defeated the gods of others, so Jerusalem's god would fall too? Some people would choose number two. Even Bible readers have a habit of dismissing God from historical events, especially in modern times! Some believe that the Holy Spirit inspired only 27 books of the New Testament, and then left us high and dry. Brethren, we have the directions, so we must do our best to save ourselves. God has left the house! And His only activity is to watch our feeble efforts and come down hard on us when we fail to do His mission.

What if that commander's statement was true? What if God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and us had spoken to Sennacherib? Isaiah includes multiple prophecies of judgments against different nations. We see in chapter 13, Babylon's judgment is given by this statement, "*How ye for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*" (Isa. 13:6). God was active in the history of those nations just as he is today in our time. Do those nations have to recognize God's hand in their in their affairs for it to be so? Isaiah mentions with this destruction that, "*The stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light, sun shall be darkened,*" "*the moon shall not...shine,*" God will, "*shake the heavens,*" and "*the earth shall remove out of her place.*" When would this be fulfilled? It would be fulfilled about 150 years after Isaiah made this prophecy when the Medo - Persian empire replaced the Babylonian one in 539 BC. God told them, "*Behold, I will stir*

up the Mede against them,...and Babylon, the glory of kingdoms the beauty of the Chaldee's excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah." (Isa. 13:13, 17-19). It happened then and it will also happen to us to today if we will choose to disobey Him.

Man enters his wars to destroy and commit his foolishness. Yet God uses the worst of man to direct history to fulfill His will and bring honor to His name. Man's problem? **We are not listening.** John informs us, *"He came to his own, and His own did not receive Him."* Why? Because, *"the world did not know him."* As history students, they were failures! And so often, we are too.

If God could open the mouth of Balaam's donkey to defend her actions, could He not reveal His plan for Jerusalem, if that city did not remain faithful to Him? Jesus may have been spoke to the Pharisees and informed them that if his disciples did not speak up, *"The stone would immediately cry out."* (Luke 19:40). Was God capable making those stones speak?

Some believe God became an absentee Father and left His children on someone else's hands. His will is that we will be smart enough to save ourselves. He surrendered His place among us to Satan and waits to condemn us if we fail to grab the golden ring of perfection. The devil wants to father us since we believe God is an absentee one. He seems to be very successful in being an adoptive father but we should not allow that.

Is God still working in man's history (Isa. 37:7; Prov. 14:12; 16:25; 21:2; Jer. 10:23)? The Assyrian commander believed God was using him and the army he commanded. Do you believe God is capable or incapable of working in ours?

It is your choice! But remember judgment is still there and remain.

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