

The Day and the Hour

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The Setting

Mt24:1-3 Total destruction of Jerusalem predicted, disciples ask when it will occur

1Pt3:3-4 Some will become scoffers, doubting that Christ will return

Mt24:36 Only God the Father knows when it will occur

The Kingdom of the World

Gn10:22 Asshur, son of Shem, progenitor of Assyria

Gn10:6a,8a Nimrod, grandson of Cush, second cousin of Asshur

Gn10:9-10 Nimrod built cities of Sumer

Gn10:11-12 Hamilton, NICOT, Genesis, Page 335: "from that land emerged Asshur. He built . . ." cities of Assyria

Dn2:20-21a God is in control of history

Dn2:28 the purpose of Nebuchadnezzar's vision

Dn2:37-40a interpretation of the vision: four world ruling empires

Dn2:44-45 the kingdom of God will destroy the kingdom of the world and encompass the whole world

Rv11:15,14:8,16:9 final destruction of the kingdom of the world

Isaiah's Assyrian Prophecies

Is7:17 Assyria specified to damage both North and South Israel

Is8:4-7 depredations of Tiglath-pileser III in 732 BC

Is8:8 portends Sennacherib in 701 BC

Is8:9-10 first indication that Assyria will NOT completely destroy Israel

Is10:5-7 Assyria is God's agent, but may not realize it

Is10:8-11 mocking Israelite idolatry, but Assyria does not recognize YHWH as the true God

Is10:12-19 Assyria's arrogance is the reason for her ultimate destruction by God

Is10:24-25 Jerusalem will not be destroyed by Assyria

Is31:8-9 prophecy of the destruction of Sennacherib's army, and subsequent destruction of the nation

The Destruction of Sennacherib's Army

Is36:1, 2Kg18:13-16 attack of Sennacherib in 701 BC; subsequent material relates to second attack about 688 BC

Is36:2 Sennacherib sends embassy to Hezekiah

Is36:6a Israelite complicity with Egypt alluded to (Tirhakah does come)

Is36:10 actually true, but likely a common Assyrian tactic

Is 36:15 echoes the prophecies of Assyria's destruction

Is36:16-17 the surrender of the city is demanded; implies the nation is to be terminated (a direct challenge to YHWH)

Is36:18-20 Assyria reduces YHWH to the level of idols of the nations (arrogance and ignorance)

Is37:2 Hezekiah sends to Isaiah for help

Is37:4 the mocking of the Assyrian is cited

Is37:23 poem of Isaiah in response to mocking by the Assyrian

Is37:26,28 the actions of Assyria have been according to God's plan

Is37:29 the coming destruction of Assyria is also part of God's plan

Is37:36 destruction of the Assyrian army

Is37:37 subsequent fate of Sennacherib in 681 BC

Former Things and Things to Come

Is41:21-23 YHWH challenges idols

Is42:9 the end of one epoch and the beginning of another

Is43:18-19a the old is finished; the new is about to start

Is46:8-10 God declares the end from the beginning

Is48:3-8 God declares former things and new things to demonstrate to Israel that he is in control of history