Bible Alive 365 – Day #208

2 Kings 18:9-37, 19, Psalm 46, 80, 135

2 Kings 18:9-37 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. **10** And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, that *is* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. **11** And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: **12** Because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them,* nor do *them.* **13** Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. **14** And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. **15** And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house. **16** At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. **17** And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the highway of the fuller's field. **18** And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. **19** And Rabshakeh said unto them, Speak ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest? **20** Thou sayest, (but *they are but* vain words,) *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? **21** Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. **22** But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD our God: *is* not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? **23** Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. **24** How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? **25** Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. **26** Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand *it:* and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall. **27** But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not *sent me* to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? **28** Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: **29** Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: **30** Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. **31** Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: **32** Until I come and

take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. **33** Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? **34** Where *are* the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? **35** Who *are* they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? **36** But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. **37** Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

2 Kings 19:1-37 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it,* that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. **2** And he sent Eliakim, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. **3** And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth. **4** It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are left. **5** So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. **6** And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. **7** Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. **8** So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. **9** And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, **10** Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. **11** Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? **12** Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar? **13** Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah? **14** And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. **15** And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. **16** LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God. **17** Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, **18** 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 have destroyed them. **19** Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only. **20** Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. **21** This *is* the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, *and* laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. **22** Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted

thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? *even* against the Holy *One* of Israel. **23** By thy messengers thou hast reproached the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots I am come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, and will cut down the tall cedar trees thereof, *and* the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the lodgings of his borders, *and into* the forest of his Carmel. **24** I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of besieged places. **25** Hast thou not heard long ago *how* I have done it, *and* of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fenced cities *into* ruinous heaps. **26** Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as corn* blasted before it be grown up. **27** But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. **28** Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. **29** And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruits thereof. **30** And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. **31** For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD *of hosts* shall do this. **32** Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. **33** By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. **34** For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. **35** And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses. **36** So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. **37** And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

Psalms 46:1-11 To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth. God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **2** Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; **3** *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. **4** *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High. **5** God *is* in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early. **6** The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. **7** The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah. **8** Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. **9** He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. **10** Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. **11** The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. Selah.

Psalms 80:1-19 To the chief Musician upon Shoshannimeduth, A Psalm of Asaph. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims,

shine forth. **2** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us. **3** Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. **4** O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? **5** Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure. **6** Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves. **7** Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. **8** Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. **9** Thou preparedst *room* before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. **10** The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars. **11** She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river. **12** Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? **13** The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. **14** Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; **15** And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself. **16** *It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. **17** Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself. **18** So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. **19** Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Psalms 135:1-21 Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise *him,* O ye servants of the LORD. **2** Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God, **3** Praise the LORD; for the LORD *is* good: sing praises unto his name; for *it is* pleasant. **4** For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, *and* Israel for his peculiar treasure. **5** For I know that the LORD *is* great, and *that* our Lord *is* above all gods. **6** Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. **7** He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries. **8** Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. **9** *Who* sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants. **10** Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; **11** Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan: **12** And gave their land *for* an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people. **13** Thy name, O LORD, *endureth* for ever; *and* thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations. **14** For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants. **15** The idols of the heathen *are* silver and gold, the work of men's hands. **16** They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; **17** They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there *any* breath in their mouths. **18** They that make them are like unto them: *so is* every one that trusteth in them. **19** Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron: **20** Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD. **21** Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD.