

the opposition to his rule, and the leaders who were trying to maintain their freedom against this ~~can push~~<sup>ing</sup> ~~despotism~~ that was going to crush them. And Sennacherib said, Hezekiah, ~~the~~ king of Judah, in his capital city of Jerusalem, I shut up like a bird in a cage, and it sounds <sup>mighty</sup> ~~anti-climactic~~. ~~the~~ <sup>After</sup> ~~revolt~~ of <sup>?</sup> ~~th-~~ conquering these great cities, and then he mentions Jerusalem, he says, he ~~cannot~~<sup>shut</sup> Hezekiah ~~was~~ up ~~like~~ like a bird in a cage in Jerusalem. How in those days they did not have radio, or TV. People did not get much means to get the news. Sennacherib would not have admitted that he had been defeated.. <sup>Thing to boast about!</sup> ~~for what a~~ It certainly fits in with ~~what~~ what the Scripture says. And an interesting thing is that ~~when~~<sup>as</sup> we read one of these accounts in the Scripture here, Sennacherib before he ... Jerusalem, had taken the other cities, the other fortified ~~cities~~ cities of Judah. And the leading, fortified cities of Judah, next to Jerusalem is Lachish. Now, Lachish was much smaller than Jerusalem, and far smaller than the capital city of other regions which Sennacherib had <sup>q</sup> ~~conquered~~, but you know, Sennacherib's palace has been excavated, and in Sennacherib's ~~palace~~, <sup>bas-relief</sup> there is a great beautiful ~~bottle~~ ~~bar-relief~~ which was found right where he would look at it everyday, and this bar-relief shows a city with walls around and Sennacherib's ~~army~~<sup>y</sup> coming and attacking it, and then it shows ~~breaking~~ <sup>leading</sup> into it and then it shows ~~there~~ <sup>the</sup> people out captives, and underneath it it says Sennacherib's conquest of the city of Lachish. He conquered many other <sup>much</sup> ~~cities~~ <sup>this</sup> ~~greater~~. Why did he put Lachish up ~~in~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ way in his palace? ~~as his~~ showed great joy in having conquered it. I think that it is Sennacherib's ~~joy for conquering~~ ~~show~~ ~~showing his greatest~~ ~~prize~~... Sennacherib's consolation prize... He did not take Jerusalem, and so he took the second most important city, of Judah, and he put that to show as to make him forget his disappointment of not having taken Jerusalem, and so this miraculous event is here described in the Scripture.