

and came to the west there and Isaiah said he was not of the Jews. That story is told of 11 Kings and in Isaiah, and II Chron. All three go into considerable detail because it is a very important event. Hezekiah had revolted against the power of the Assyrian king and Hezekiah had joined with others against the King of the Assyrian. and the result was that the King Sennacherib came as the Bible tells, us with his great army and he came across the the northern part of Palestine and down the plain there west of Jerusalem and the Bible tells us that he conquered all the princely cities of Judah and the other forces except Jerusalem. And he sent his representatives up there to Jerusalem and told them to surrender and if they didn't he would take the city and destroy it. But if they ~~did not~~ surrendered he would merely kill Hezekiah and he would treat the rest of them in a merciful fashion. And then when this letter came from him the Bible tells us that Hezekiah took the letter and read it before the Lord in the temple and if God sent Isaiah the prophet to Hezekiah with the word ^{Isaiah} and said this is the word of God the boasting of Assyria will not come into this city. He will not take the city. He said, he will be in this area for over two years and he will not take Jerusalem and he said the time will come when God will cause him to ^{go} come back the way he came and will leave Jerusalem safe. He said as birds cover us, will God protect them. And then we are told that one morning Sennacherib awoke he found that in the night the anger of the Lord had killed many thousands of his troops. and the ~~angel-of-the-lord~~ and the result was that it was necessary for him to give up his campaign in the west there and go back to Assyria. That we are told in these three places in the Bible. Now the Bible tells us a very wonderful story. And we wonder will there be any evidence of ~~the~~ by force Well you can't expect that when Sennacherib gets back to Assyria he will put up a great monument and say on this, this is to celebrate the great accomplishment but one thing not mention ~~at~~ Jerusalem I was told when I was a boy, I don't know whether it is true or not but I