

A Majority—There be more with us than with him — King Hezekiah

2 Chronicles 32:1-32 After these things, and the establishment thereof, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself. 2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem,

a) Hezekiah took Counsel of the princes and mighty men—not the LORD. We need to take counsel from the LORD. David took counsel from the Lord.

- i) 1 Samuel 23:1-4
- ii) 1 Samuel 30:7-8
- iii) 2 Samuel 2:1-2; 5:17-24

A. 2 Chronicles 32: 7 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: **for there be more with us than with him:**

a) Because the Lord is with us and on our side, we are bigger, more in number and stronger than any enemy even if it does not look so in the natural. This is only true if we are speaking of and relying on the LORD—not our physical numbers. If we are not trusting the Lord, we shall be outnumbered.

b) We are in the majority with God on our side. Whoever has God on their side is a majority even though they may look physically outnumbered.

c) Hezekiah mentions that "with him (King Sennacherib) is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles.

- i) 2 Ch 32:8 With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our

battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

- d) 1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

B. 2 Chronicles 32:9-19

9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying, [2Ch 32:10](#) Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem? [2Ch 32:11](#) Doth not Hezekiah persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? [2Ch 32:12](#) Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn incense upon it? [2Ch 32:13](#) Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand? [2Ch 32:14](#) Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand? [2Ch 32:15](#) Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand? [2Ch 32:16](#) And his servants spake yet more against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah. [2Ch 32:17](#) He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand. [2Ch 32:18](#) Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. [2Ch 32:19](#) And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, which werethe work of the hands of man.

- a) King of Assyria Sennacherib sent his men to deliver "trash talk"—to strike fear in the hearts of the men and people

with King Hezekiah so that they would desert him and rebel against him. This was a strategy by the devil.

- b) King Sennacherib spoke against the people and Hezekiah, but Hezekiah went to the LORD. The LORD Intervened and sent an angel who cut off the army of the Assyrian king. However, King Sennacherib was ashamed (Jeremiah 20:11). 185,000 were killed by the angel of the Lord.
- c) King Hezekiah did not have to fight. There was no loss of lives in his camp.
- d) The LORD protected Hezekiah and all the children of Israel in Jerusalem. He was their guide on every side.

C. My Soul is escaped.

Psalm 124:7-8 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. [8] Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

D. 2 Kings 6:16-17 And he answered, **Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.** 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

- a) Elisha's servant thought they were alone. Elisha reminded them that "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." We need to be reminded of the same. We can ask God to show us as he showed Elisha's son.

E. No man shall set to hurt thee.

Acts 18:9-10 **Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: [10] For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.**

- a) Paul was supernaturally protected. He was also encouraged of the Lord not to be afraid, but to speak and hold not his peace. The Lord reminded him that he was with him and that no man shall set to hurt him He reminded him that He had many people in that city.

F. 1 Samuel 14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us: **for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.**

a) God is not limited or restricted by size or number.

G. **The Lord stood with me**

2 Timothy 4:16-18 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. [17] **Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me;** that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. [18] **And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me** unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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