

# **MISCALCULATIONS**

## **II Chronicles 32:9-22**

**The enemies of God miscalculated the faith  
of the godly and the forces of God**

### **I. SITUATION MISCALCULATIONS** (9-11, 15)

*- They are wrong in their thinking about Jerusalem*

#### **A. JERUSALEM WAS INSIGNIFICANT** (9, 15)

1. Sennacherib's Attitude (9)
  - Send some of his servants to Jerusalem
2. The Servant's Technique (15)
  - Psychological warfare

#### **B. JUDAH WOULD BE SHAKEN** (10)

#### **C. JERUSALEM'S CONDITION WAS DIRE** (11)

1. They are dying of famine and thirst.
2. They are deceived by their king

### **II. RESOURCE MISCALCULATIONS** (12-14)

*- They are wrong in their theology about God*

#### **A. THEY ASSUME HEZEKIAH HAS OFFENDED GOD** (12)

#### **B THEY BELIEVE GOD IS WEAK** (13-14)

1. They proudly believe that all gods are inferior to their power
2. They overestimate their continued success because they underestimate Judah's God!

### III. CONFIDENCE MISCALCULATIONS (16-20)

*- They are wrong about the resolve of God's people*

#### A. THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD FRIGHTEN THE PEOPLE (16-18)

1. Their Efforts (16-18)
2. The Outcome (See II Kings 18:36)

#### B. THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD MOCK GOD WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES (19-20)

1. The enemy spoke against God (19)
2. Hezekiah and Isaiah spoke to God! (20)
  - Psalm 50:15

### IV. OUTCOME MISCALCULATIONS (21-22)

*- They are wrong about the power of God*

#### A. THEIR BOAST (15)

- Your God cannot deliver

#### B. THE REALITY (21)

- See also II Kings 19:35-37 along with Isaiah 37:36-38

1. Sennacherib's Army Dies (21a)
2. King Sennacherib is Defeated (21b)
  - He is disgraced and then disemboweled

#### C. THE RESCUE (22)

1. God Delivered Judah
2. God Guided Judah

### CONCLUSIONS:

#### **1. When you start wrong you end wrong**

- Sennacherib and company made a series of wrong steps.

#### **2. We can start right and end well. - Psalm 9:13-20**