

## Hezekiah & the Assyrian Invasion

(2 Kings 18-19; 20:20; 2 Chron. 32:1-22, 30; Is. 22:11; 36-37)

After Israel fell to the Assyrians, Judah was alone. Hezekiah had to work to protect his kingdom from the Assyrians also. He dug a tunnel that would bring water into Jerusalem in case the Assyrians surrounded the city. The tunnel is still there today!

Sennacherib of Assyria began attacking Judah. Hezekiah agreed to pay him money if he would leave Judah alone. Sennacherib sent a great army to Jerusalem. Soldiers of Judah were on the wall when Sennacherib's men began speaking. Sennacherib's men said that Judah could not depend on Egypt for help because they were weak. They also said that Hezekiah was wrong to tell the people to trust in God for help. The gods of all the other lands had not been able to stop the Assyrians, so the God of Judah would not be able to save Jerusalem from the Assyrians either.

Hezekiah's men asked the Assyrians to speak in another language so the men of Judah would not hear these words and become afraid. The Assyrians said they would not speak another language because Sennacherib wanted the soldiers of Judah to hear these words and give up. The Assyrians said that God could not save them.

Hezekiah's men told Hezekiah what Sennacherib's men said. Hezekiah asked Isaiah to pray to God to save them. God told Isaiah to tell Hezekiah that he should not be afraid because God was going to send Sennacherib back to his own country where he would be killed.

Sennacherib sent a letter to Hezekiah that said he could not trust in God to save him. Hezekiah took the letter to the temple and spread it before God. He prayed that God would deliver them from the Assyrians and prove that He was the One, true God.

Isaiah told Hezekiah that God would save Judah because the Assyrians thought they conquered all these other nations with their own power. God said that He was the One who let them take these other nations. Because the Assyrians had this bad attitude, God was going to make them go back to Assyria.

The Assyrians would not enter Jerusalem or even shoot an arrow there. God said He would protect Jerusalem for the sake of David.

That night, an angel of the Lord killed a lot of men in the Assyrian camp. When the soldiers woke the next morning to see all the dead bodies, they packed up to go home! When Sennacherib got home, he was killed by two of his sons while he was worshipping an idol. He was killed just as God had said!

**Main Points:**

1. God is the One, true God.
2. God will protect those who trust Him.
3. God is in control of all the nations.
4. God keeps His promises.

## Lesson 11 Questions: Hezekiah & the Assyrian Invasion

1. What did Hezekiah build to bring water into Jerusalem?

A bucket

A tunnel

2. Who began attacking Judah?

Shalmaneser

Sennacherib

3. Who did the Assyrians say would not be able to save Judah?

Egypt

God

Shalmaneser

4. How did the Assyrians want the people of Judah to feel after their speech?

Happy

Scared

5. Who did Hezekiah ask to pray for Judah?

Sennacherib

Isaiah

6. What did God tell Isaiah would happen to Sennacherib?

He would win

He would go home

He would be killed

7. What did Hezekiah do when Sennacherib sent a letter to him?

Prayed

Took it to God

Cried

8. What did God say He would not let the Assyrians do?

Shoot an arrow

Go home

Enter Jerusalem

9. Who killed some of the Assyrians during the night?

Hezekiah

An angel of the Lord

10. Who killed Sennacherib when he got home?

Hezekiah

His sons

11. Could idols protect people like God?

Yes

No

12. Will God protect those who trust in Him?

Yes

No

13. Who was God in control of?

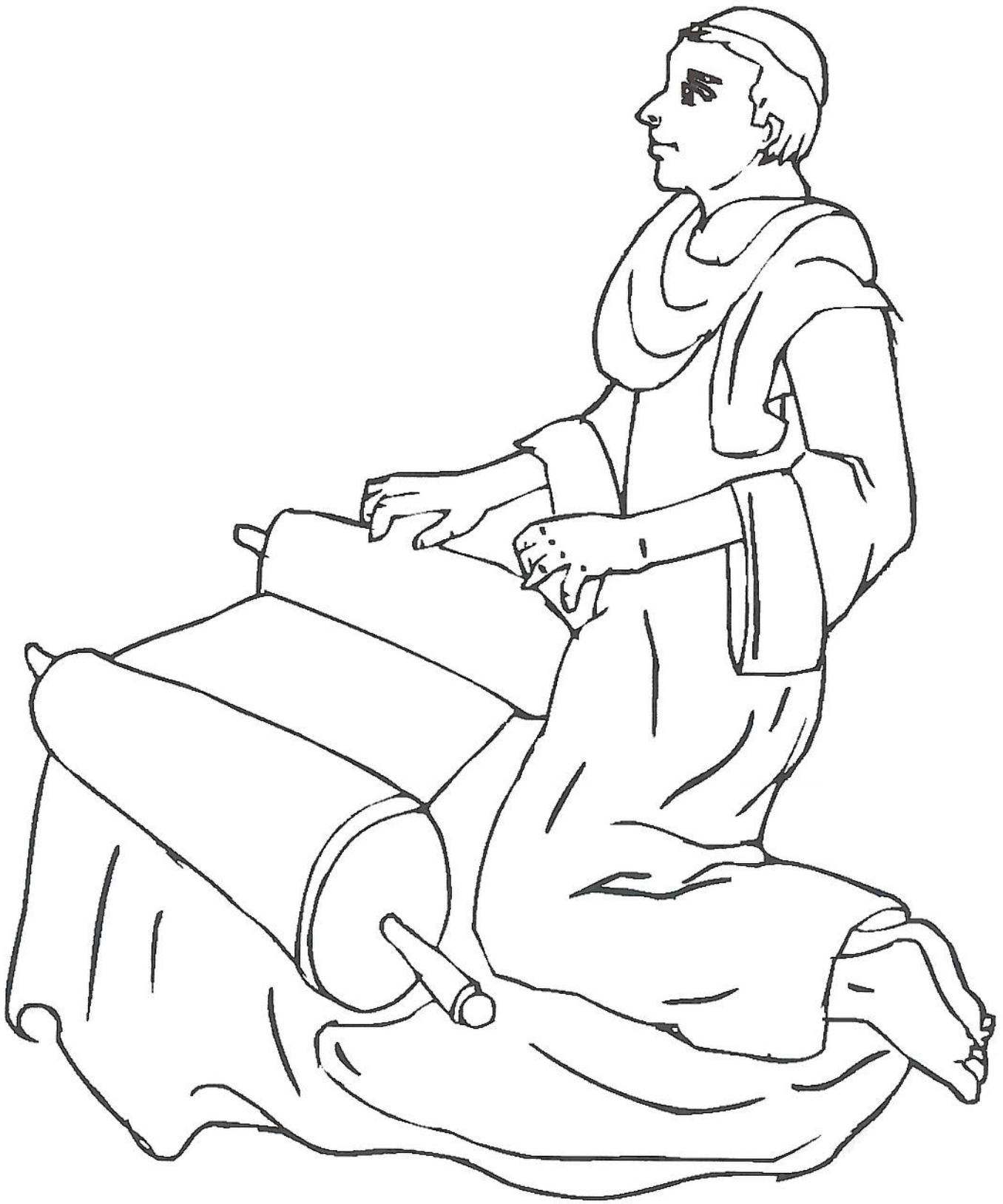
Just Judah

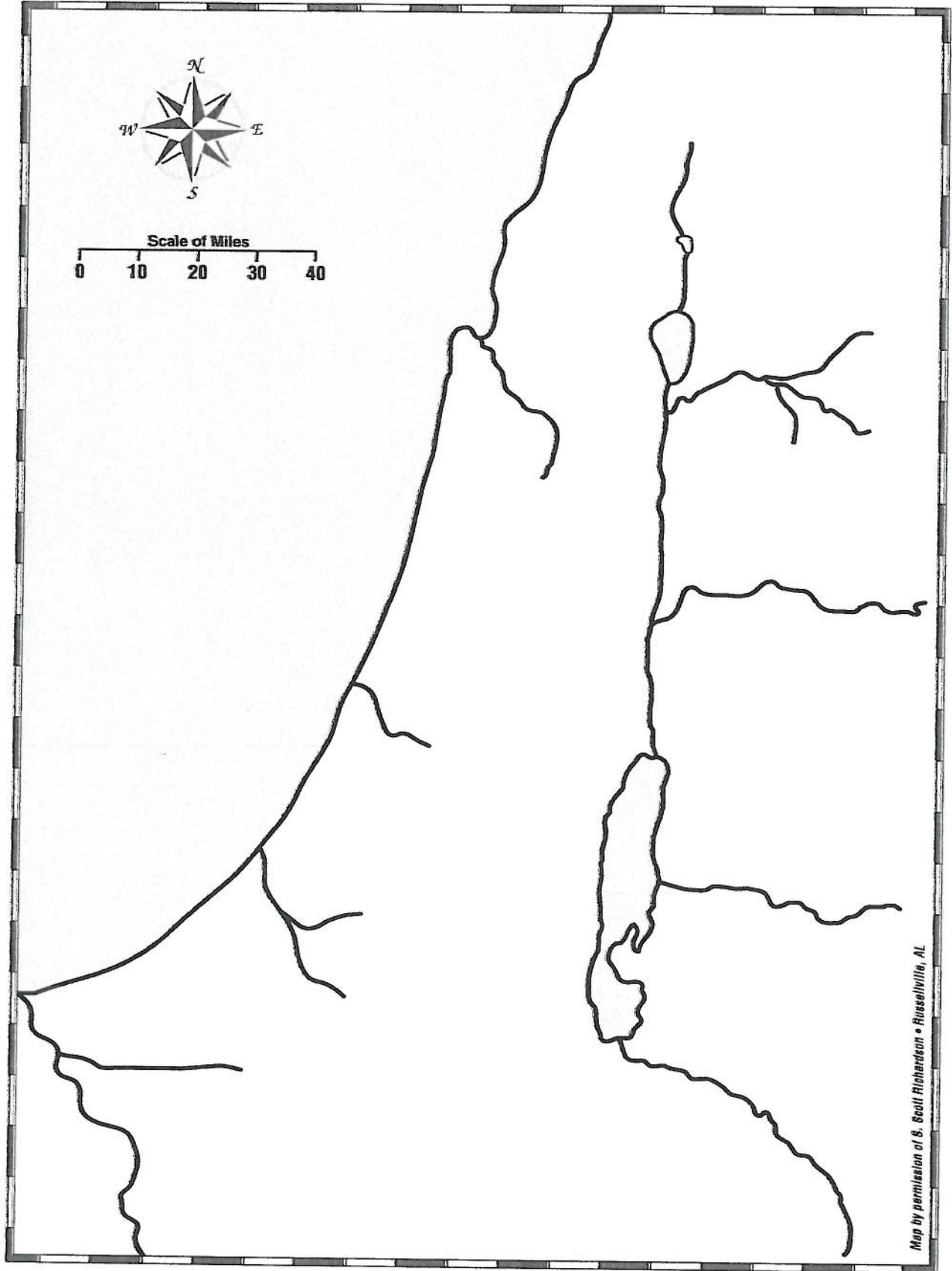
All nations

14. Does God keep His promises?

Yes

No





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