

14—The Lord of Hosts

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INTRO:

I. → Isaiah 37:14-20

*Hezekiah received the letter from the **hand** of the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the house of Yahweh and spread it out before Yahweh. And Hezekiah prayed unto Yahweh:*

*→ 15 “**Yahweh Tsavaot**, God of Israel, who dwells between the cherubim, you alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made the **heavens** and **earth**. Give ear, O Yahweh, and hear; open your eyes, O Yahweh, and see; listen to all the words Sennacherib has sent to reproach the living God.”*

*→ 18 “It is true, Yahweh, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste all these nations and their lands. They have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the works of man’s **hands**, made of wood and stone. Now, Yahweh our God, **save us from his hand**, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, Yahweh, are the **only one**.”*

II. SENNACHERIB’S SEIGE IN 722

- III.** The host of the armies of Israel
- The host of the armies of Heaven
- The host of the spiritual warriors

BODY:

I. Lord of Earthly Armies

*you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the **earth**.*

A. Every battle is won or lost before it is ever fought.

- 1) **DAVID NOT USING SWORD AND SPEAR**
- 2) **1 Samuel 17:45-46**

*Then David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the **Lord of Hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.”*

- 3) “Now the general who wins a battle makes many calculations in his temple ere the battle is fought. The general who loses a battle makes but few calculations beforehand. Thus do many calculations lead to victory, and few calculations to defeat: how much more no calculation at all! It is by attention to this point that I can foresee who is likely to win or lose.”—*Sun Tzu, The Art of War*

B. We cannot win spiritual battles with weapons of flesh.

- 1) **2 Corinthians 10:4**

*The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the **world**. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

- 2) **CHURCHES BECOMING POLITICIZED**

II. Lord of Heavenly Armies

You have made the heavens and the earth

A. When we fight in the Lord's army we never fight alone.

- 1) **Isaiah 54:5**

*For your Maker is your husband,
The **Lord of Hosts** is his name;
And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel;
He shall be called the God of the **whole earth**.*

- 2) **BABYLON FALLING AND THE EXILES RETURNED**

B. Our greatest battles are fought in an unseen world.

- 1) **Ephesians 6:12-13**

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against authorities, against rulers of darkness in this world, against **spiritual** wickedness in the heavenly realms.*

- 2) **IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE**

- 3) **MOLLY BELIEVING I HAVE A WHOLE TEAM**

III. Lord of Spiritual Armies

A. It is the Lord's plan to bring heaven down to earth.

1) **Luke 2:13-14**

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the **heavenly host** praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." KJV*

2) **HAVING A VISION OF LIGHT AND DARK**

B. He is sending us out to make a difference in this world.

1) **1 Peter 1:12**

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

2) **SERVING AT THE REINDEER RUN**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Psalms 103:21-22

21 Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.

22 Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Psalms 8:4-5

4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

5 You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.

Revelation 19:14-15

The **armies of heaven** were following him, riding on white horses and
dressed in fine linen, white and clean.

Psalms 46:10-11

“Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of Hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.