

fortified cities..." I won't have time to read what he says but he tells how he destroyed all the cities and then he says, "as for Hezekiah, I shut him up in Jerusalem like a bird in a cage." It is a pretty weak thing to boast about when he has conquered all the other great cities, he shut Hezekiah up like a bird in a cage and ~~xxx~~ had nothing more to boast about him. He went back to his own city and Lachish, the second largest city of Judah, which he had conquered, he had a big picture put ~~xxx~~ up on the wall of his palace <sup>showing</sup> that city of Lachish and showing the city being conquered and the booty of Lachish ~~being~~ ~~being~~ brought out to him and he, Sennacharib, sits up there, and I have labeled it "Sennacharib's consolation problem". He has conquered far greater cities than Lachish and Lachish was far inferior to Jerusalem, but he evidently felt so bad that he hadn't been able to conquer Jerusalem that he tried to comfort himself by putting up a big picture of Lachish, the second most important city of Jerusalem in his palace there. One of our greatest things from ancient times was showing the means of conquering in attack in those days. It shows Lachish being attacked by his forces and making the breach ~~xxxxx~~ made in the wall and the people being carried out as captives.

At our last time, the reign of Hezekiah, number 3. We noticed Sennacharib's invasion. If this were entirely unfamiliar material to you we would, of course take quite a bit of time in dealing with ~~xxx~~ the tremendous danger from Sennacharib's invasion, the way in which it threatened to destroy Judah as Israel had been utterly destroyed a few years before, and the marvelous intervention of God. Since it is a story with which you are ~~familiar~~ doubtless all quite familiar, ~~xxxx~~ we had better spend our time on instances not incidental perhaps but less known aspects of the matter in order to bring out certain vital portions of it which are not quite as vital as the aspects which are so widely known. We notice the length of time that the Assyrians were there. The Assyrians were down in the Philistine country for nearly three years. During those three years they