done because the Lord has purposed it. It is the Lord's hand which is stretched out and who will turn it back? It is a declaration of the **maxeriangx** sovereign power of God in the deliverances which He established. Very likely these verses **mre**x point forward to all the marvelous interpositions which God brings for the deliverance of His people beginning with the destruction of Sennacharib's hosts in the land of Palestine. That wonderful deliverance of his people described in Isaiah 36 and 37 is stressed here, but the picture carries on within it all of God's care for His people through the ages ending with the complete destruction of wickedness at the end of the age.