



... IN THE NORTH, SYRIA AND ISRAEL (SEPARATE FROM THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM) HAD FORMED AN ALLIANCE AGAINST THE THREAT OF A TERRIBLE FOE TO THE EAST,

ASSYRIA-THEN AT ITS HEIGHT AS A CONQUERING NATION,

LOOTING AND DESPOILING ALL KINSPOMS IN ITS PATH TO WORLD POWER! SYRIA AND ISRAEL INTENDED TO ATTACK JUDAH FOR NOT JOINING THEM BUT, BEFORE THEY COULD,

THEY WERE CONQUERED BY ASSYRIA, WHOSE KING, SENNACHERIB, THEN FOCUSED ON JERUSALEM, DEMANDING ITS TOTAL SURRENDER! KING HEZEKIAH SOUGHT ISAIAH'S

ADVICE - WHEN HE WAS IN TROUBLE, THEN AND THEN ONLY, DID HE TURN TO GOD AND THE PROPHETS - WHEN EVERYTHING

WAS FINE, HEZEKIAH DID AS HE DARN WELL PLEASED! ISAIAH

TOLD HEZEKIAH TO ACT LIKE A <u>REAL</u> KING, FOR ONCE, AND DEFY ASSYRIA! A HARD THING TO DO WHEN, ALL AROUND HIM, KINGDOMS WERE TOPPLING LIKE TEN-PINS...SO HEZEKIAH

STRIPPED HIS TREASURY OF ITS GOLD AND SILVER TO GIVE TO SENNACHERIB, HOPING HE'D GO AWAY! AT THIS TIME, EGYPT

SENNACHERIB, HOPING HE'D GO AWAY! AT THIS TIME, EGYPT TO THE SOUTHWEST, FEARING FOR ITS OWN SAFETY, GOT INTO THE FIGHT AND, EVEN AS ISAIAH SHOUTED PEFIANCE FROM JERUSALEM'S WALLS, SENNACHERIB, WITH NEWS OF A SERIOUS REVOLT IN HIS OWN COUNTRY, HIS ARMY DECIMATED BY SOME SUDDEN PLAGUE OF ILLNESS WHICH KILLED THOUSANDS OF HIS TROOPS OVERNIGHT, LEFT FOR HOME! INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE TEMPLE TO THANK GOD, THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM CELEBRATED IN A SERIES OF WILD ORGIES! ISAIAH'S WORDS FAIRLY DRIPPED SARCASM, AS HE WATCHED...'EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY, "SAID HE," FOR TOMORROW, "CAME HIS DIRE PRE-DICTION, "WE DIE!" ISAIAH SAW WHAT THE FUTURE HELD FOR A DEOPLE WHO TURNEP TO RIOTOUS REVELS AT THE

FOR A PEOPLE WHO TURNED TO RIOTOUS REVELS AT THE

OF THE EAST AND END FOREVER "THE POWER AND THE GLORY THAT WAS JERUSALEM".

SLIGHTEST EXCUSE -AND HE WAS RIGHT! IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, NEBUCHADNEZZAR WAS TO COME OUT

IGAIAH THE PROPHET (CIRCA 780-700 B.C.), IN THALAH THE PROPHET (CIRCA 780-700 B.C.), IN TEMPEGTUOUS ANCIENT TIMES, PREACHED RELIANCE ON GOD, ADVISING AGAINGT POLITICAL ALLIANCE WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. SO SINCERE WAS HE, THAT HE STRIPPED AND, FOR THREE YEARS, WALKED ABOUT BAREFOOTED, WEARING ONLY A LOIN CLOTH TO POINT UP HOW BAD OFF EVERYONE WAS GOING TO BE IF THEY DIDN'T HEED HIS WORDS! BUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH WAS IN A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION



SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAP-BOOK_

Movie To Be Shown At Pentecostal Church

The motion picture "If Footmen Tire You What Will Horses Do?" by Estus Pirkle will be shown at 7 p.m. Sun., Dec. 27 at the Kings Mountain Pentecostal Holiness Church on Branch Street.

Th 55-minute film shows what communists do when they take over a country and what their plans are for America. Already, over 10,000 professions of faith have been made at the showing of the film and thousands of Christians have been made aware of their need to get back into church and serve the Lord as never before, Pirkle says.

The film also shows how America can be spared by following II Chronicles 7:14. Rev. Mark Roberson, pastor,

invites the public to attend.

DIXON SERVICE

Dixon Presbyterian Church will have a candlelight and communion service Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Graham Wood, pastor, will bring the message. The public is invited to attend.

YOUTH BANQUET

The annual Second Baptist Church Christmas youth banquet will be held tonight. The congregation will have a fellowship meal and program by the Children's Church Wednesday night.

PAPER DRIVE

Central United Methodist Church is sponsoring a paper drive. A truck will be in the Fulton parking lot on January 2 and all persons saving papers are urged to deposit them into the truck that day.

WATCH NIGHT

There will be a Watch Night Service at Bethlehem Baptist Church on December 31. A movie will be shown, games played and refreshments served, and members are encouraged to take part in a crafts display. Those interested should contact Pat Spearman or Neal Efird.

CAROLING Members of Central United

Methodist Church will go Christmas caroling tonight. All persons wishing to go should meet at the church by 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNION

There will be a Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service Thursday at 8 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Family Ministries Coor-dinators Burris and Peggy Ramey have planned a New Year's Eve party for Central United Methodist Church members and their friends on December 31 at 9 p.m. A movie and cartoons will be shown, games will be played and refreshments served. The program will close with a Watch Night Service in the sanctuary.

GOSPEL SING

The world famous Florida Boys will sing at the Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church Sun., Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. Rev. Mitchell Pruitt, pastor, invites the public to attend.

COMMUNION

First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain will have its annual Christmas Eve candlelight and communion service at 11 a.m. Thursday. Rev. Graham Wood, pastor of Dixon Presbyterian Church, will be in charge of the communion and there will be a special time of meditation. The Choir will present special music. The public is invited to attend.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I will keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep Your law. I will observe it with all my heart. Guide me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in them. Psalm 119:33-35

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