



Inter-European Division - Sabbath School Ministry
Outline for Sabbath School Teachers with ideas for group discussion inspired by the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson No. 7: 06 – 12 February 2021

Title: Defeat of the Assyrians

Pastoral Group Objectives

Pray for each other and express recognition of each other's gifts.

Let's Share the Word

Key Texts: Isaiah 36; 37; 38; 39.

Themes to Explore

1. Three themes: the invasion of the Assyria and her fall; the illness and healing of Hezekiah; the king's naivety and imprudence with regards to the Babylonian emissaries.
2. The challenge (for Hezekiah) was to confide solely in God and not ask help from others.
3. The theme, which links these chapters - stand firm in the faith, wait for the Lord.

Suggestions for Teaching and Spiritual Objectives:

Discuss the interventions of God studied in this week's lesson, helping the group to reflect on what it means to rely on God.

Possible Questions for Deeper Study, Sharing and Application:

1. What lessons about God and His interventions in history does this episode offer us?
 2. Consider Isaiah and Hezekiah, what character and personality traits emerge?
 3. List Hezekiah's limitations. Where do we need to look to identify the causes of his blunders?
 4. The greatest challenge today is to transmit our faith in the power of God to the next generation. What does this lesson teach us about this?
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Personal Testimony and Church Mission:

Share recent experiences regarding personal witnessing.