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## SARGON, KING OF ASSYRIA

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Isaiah the prophet, in one of God's prophecies regarding a judgement against the nations of Egypt and Ethiopia, mentions an Assyrian king by the name of Sargon.

This posed a problem to archaeologist back in the earliest days of their field of study, because an obelisk stone with the names of all the Assyrian kings that had ruled that kingdom was uncovered which made no mention of Sargon. On its discovery the university of Chicago made a bold statement that they had found a glaring contradiction in the Bible. They assumed the scripture was in error since Sargon's name wasn't found engraved on this stone.

But a funny thing occurred, you could say it was God's little joke on men of science. Eventually they found the royal palace of Sargon, and a majestic one it was at that. How come they knew it was Sargon's palace? Well because the bricks lining the palace walls were engraved with his name.

Not only was his name found, but his capture of the city of Ashdod as mentioned in Isaiah 20, was engraved on the palace walls as well. And not only that, but digs from the city of Ashdod itself later turned up fragments from a monument which recorded this victory.

One of the inscriptions read: **"Sargon, king of Assyria, who conquered Samaria and the entire region of Israel, he who made captives of Ashdod."**



Displayed in the British museum is this monument which stood at the entrance of Sargon's palace. On this statue of a winged bull there is a inscription listing Sargon's titles and achievements.

Well, It seems like archeology always catches up to the truth found in the Bible. And the following truth that Isaiah wrote concerning Sargon came to pass.

**"In the year that Tartan came to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against Ashdod and took it,** at the same time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, "Go, and remove the sackcloth from your body, and take your sandals off your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

Then the LORD said, "Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia, "so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians as prisoners and the Ethiopians as captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. "Then they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt their glory. "And the inhabitant of this territory will say in that day, 'Surely such is our expectation, wherever we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; **and how shall we escape?**' " Isaiah 20

The inhabitants of the land asked one of the most important questions a man or woman can ever ask. It is one concerning who would deliver them, "How shall we escape?"

The Bible give us that answer.

**"He has delivered us** from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Colossians 1:13-14

**How shall we escape if we refuse  
so great a salvation!**

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