The people of Judah had disobeyed God. They made and worshiped idols. When Hezekiah became king, however, he destroyed the idols. He wanted his people to worship only the true and living God.

Now the great army of Sennacherib had come to fight Jerusalem.

“It won’t do any good to fight against our king,” said the captain of the enemy army. “Not even your God can help you. Hezekiah has torn down His altars!”

The enemy captain didn’t know those altars had really been for idols. He didn’t know the people of Judah were trusting in the one true God.

Hezekiah prayed. Then he sent messengers to Isaiah, God’s prophet, to find out what God wanted him to do.

The Lord said, “Don’t be afraid. I will cause Sennacherib to return to his own country.”

A letter came to Hezekiah from the enemy king. Again he prayed. “Lord, hear my prayer and save us from the enemy. Make all nations know that You alone are the living God.”

God answered Hezekiah’s prayer by sending His angel. That night the angel of the Lord killed many of the enemy soldiers. The enemy army was now too small and weak to fight. They went back to their own country!

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“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jeremiah 33:3).