

## ~LAUNDRYMANS FIELD (70)

- Apparently an area close to the city of Jerusalem where laundrymen worked.
- Isaiah and his son Shear-jashub were to meet King Ahaz by the **highway of the laundryman's field**, later, Sennacherib's emissaries came to the same vicinity.
- And the king of Assyria proceeded to send Tartan and Rabсарis and Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a heavy military force to Jerusalem, that they might go up and come to Jerusalem. So they went up and came and stood still by the conduit of the upper pool, which is **at the highway of the laundryman's field**. (2 Kings 18:17)
- And Yehowah proceeded to say to Isaiah; Go out, please, to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, to the end of the conduit of the upper pool by the highway of the **laundryman's field**. (Isaiah 7:3)
- And the king of Assyria finally sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah, with a heavy military force, and he proceeded to stand still by the conduit of the upper pool at the highway of the **laundryman's field**. (Isaiah 36:2)
- While this **highway of the laundryman's field** was obviously outside the city, it was near enough that the taunts of Sennacherib's messengers could be heard by those on the city walls.
- Now it came about in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah that Sennacherib the king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and proceeded to seize them. (Isaiah 36:1)
- And the king of Assyria finally sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah, with a heavy military force, and he proceeded to stand still by the conduit of the upper pool at the highway of the **laundryman's field**. (Isaiah 36:2)
- And they began to call out to the king, but there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary and Joah the son of Asaph the

recorder. (2 Kings 18:18)

- At this Eliakim the son of Hilkiah and Shebna and Joah said to Rabshakeh; Speak with your servants, please, in the Syrian language, for we can listen, and do not speak with us in the Jews language in the ears of the people that are on the wall. (2 Kings 18:26)
- But Rabshakeh said to them; Is it to your lord and to you that my lord has sent me to speak these words? Is it not to the men sitting upon the wall, that they may eat their own excrement and drink their own urine with you men? (2 Kings 18:27)
- A conduit is mentioned in connection with the highway of the laundryman's field. This could not refer to what is called Hezekiah's tunnel, as that had not yet been constructed in Ahaz day.
- The conduit therefore seems to have been one that ran through the torrent valley of Kidron down to the South end of the City of David. The laundryman's field appears to have been located either in this part of the valley or somewhat farther South, near the suggested site of En-rogel.