

## ~TIRHAKAH (47) (Tir-ha'kah)

- Usually identified as **Pharaoh Taharqa**, although the dates generally assigned by modern historians to **Taharqas** rule do not fit Biblical chronology.
- For evidence favoring Biblical chronology over the secular, During Hezekiah's reign, while Assyrian King Sennacherib was fighting against Libnah, news came that **Tirhakah**, the Ethiopian king of Egypt, was on his way to fight the Assyrians.
- After that Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had pulled away from Lachish. (**2 Kings 19:8**)
- He heard it said respecting **Tirhakah** the king of Ethiopia; Here he has come out to fight against you. Therefore he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying; (**2 Kings 19:9**)
- After that Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had pulled away from Lachish. (**Isaiah 37:8**)
- Now he heard it said concerning **Tirhakah** the king of Ethiopia; He has come out to fight against you. When he heard, he at once sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying; (**Isaiah 37:9**)
- An Assyrian inscription, though not mentioning **Tirhakah**, indicates that Sennacherib defeated the forces that came from Egypt and captured the charioteers of the king of Ethiopia.
- The next Assyrian king, Esar-haddon, boasted about his conquest of Egypt, saying; Its king, **Tirhakah**, I wounded five times with arrowshots and ruled over his entire country.
- During the reign of Esar-haddons son and successor Ashurbanipal, **Tirhakah** revolted against submission to Assyria. But, according to Ashurbanipal, the terror of the, sacred, weapon of Ashur, my lord, overcame **Tirhakah** where he had taken refuge and he was never heard of again. [Ancient Near Eastern Texts, edited by J. Pritchard, 1974, pp. 287,288,290,295]

**See Also CHRONOLOGY (Bible Chronology and Secular History)**