

Isaiah 7:1-17

Immanuel: God With Us Part 1

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Isaiah 7:1-17 Outline

- A. The house of David threatened (vs. 1-2)
- B. The threat explained (vs. 3-6)
 - C. Yahweh's assurance (vs. 7-9)
 - D. The response of unbelief (vs. 10-12)
 - C. Yahweh's assurance (vs.13-15)
- B. The threat destroyed (vs.16)
- A. The house of David "rattled" (vs. 17)

Judah's Threat From The North

Isaiah 7:1 Now it came about in the days of Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not conquer it.

The Players

- 1. Aram →
 - 2. Israel →
- Judah Assyria

Dating The Syro-Ephramite War

- Traditional date: 732 B.C.
- Problem: Assyrian Invasions 738, 734
- Why would Aram/Samaria invade Judah if threatened by Assyria?

*Revised date: 741-740

*Why it matters: Hezekiah born: 740
 Hezekiah's reign: 715
 Hezekiah's 14th year: 701

Isaiah's Living Object Lesson

Isaiah 7:2-3 When it was reported to the house of David, saying, "The Arameans have camped in Ephraim," his heart and the hearts of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake with the wind. Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the **conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the fuller's field...**

Yahweh's Message: Fear Not

Isaiah 7:4-6 ...and say to him, 'Take care and be calm, have no fear and do not be fainthearted because of these two stubs of smoldering firebrands, on account of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and the son of Remaliah. Because Aram, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has planned evil against you, saying, "Let us go up against Judah and terrorize it, and make for ourselves a breach in its walls and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,"

Faith In Yahweh Is Required

Isaiah 7:7-9 Thus says the Lord GOD: "It shall not stand nor shall it come to pass. For the head of Aram is Damascus and the head of Damascus is Rezin (now within another 65 years Ephraim will be shattered, so that it is no longer a people), and the head of Ephraim is Samaria and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. **If you will not believe, you surely shall not last.**"

Ahaz "Gets Religion"

Isaiah 7:10-13 Then the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "**I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!**" Then he said, "Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well?"

The Sign: God Is With Us

Isaiah 7:14 (NET) For this reason the Sovereign Master Himself will give you a confirming sign. Look, this **young woman** is about to conceive and will give birth to a son. You, **young woman**, will name him Immanuel.

<u>Near</u>	<u>Far</u>
Immanuel: Hezekiah	Jesus

The Promise and The Problem

7:15-17 He will eat curds and honey at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose good. "For before the boy will know enough to refuse evil and choose good, the land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken." "The Lord will bring on you, on your people, and on your father's house such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah, the **king of Assyria**."

Lesson 1: God Is Faithful To His Promises

Isaiah 7:13 "Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well?"

2 Samuel 7:5 Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?"

2 Samuel 7:11b The LORD also declares to you that the LORD will make a house for you.

Lesson1: God Is With Us!

740 B.C. (Isaiah 7:14)

Threat: Davidic lineage threatened

Immanuel: Hezekiah's birth

God Is Faithful

4 B.C. (Matthew 1:22-23)

Threat: Davidic lineage threatened

Immanuel: Jesus' birth

Lesson 2: Don't Miss His Promises

"In statism, we see the suffix "ism," which indicates a philosophy or worldview. A decline from statehood to statism happens when the government is perceived as or claims to be the ultimate reality. This reality then replaces God as the supreme entity upon which human existence depends" (R.C. Sproul).

Lesson 2: Don't Miss His Promises

Isaiah 7:9b "If you will not believe, you surely shall not last."

- In whom was Ahaz trusting for security?
- What about you?



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