

# Peaceable Kingdom

Isaiah 7-12

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### the presence & names of children

7:3 "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and **Shear-jashub** your son..." ("A remnant shall return")

7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel.** 

8:3 Then I made love to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. And the Lord said to me, "Name him **Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.** ("Quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil,")

9:6 - for to us, a child is born, to us, a son is given... And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...** 

# Isaiah 7-12



7 Isaiah Sent to King Ahaz during Syrian-Ephraimite crisis

8 Assyria will Invade, not Help! Darkness

9 Light will come; for to us A Child is born, to Govern with Peace

10 Judgment will come thru Assyria then upon Assyria

11 Stump of Jesse will shoot forth; Spirit will rest on him, bring about the Peaceable Kingdom

12 You will say in that day: God is my salvation; sing for Joy

### Time Span for the Book of Isaiah



### **Assyrian Threat**

Conflict with Philistia, Edom, Syria and Samaria is overshadowed by the Assyrian threat



### Babylonian Conquest

After wresting control from Assyria, 626-609 BCE, Babylon conquers Jerusalem in 597 BCE. Temple is destroyed in the second wave.

605-586 BCE



### Persian Period Exile & return

There were waves of both exiles, and returnees, between Babylon and Jerusalem

538-322 BCE



#### Future events

Events that will take place, some in the near future, some in the far future (re: Christ), and some in the distant future

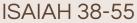
AD - ???

734-701 BCE

### Three Sections in the Book of Isaiah

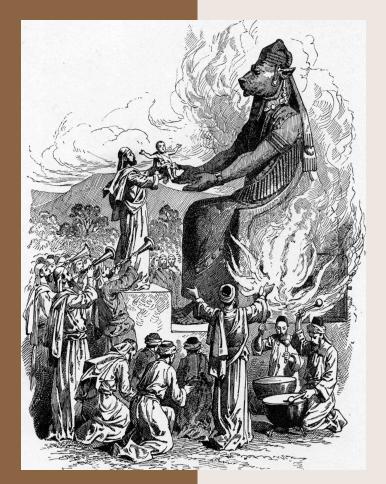








### Who is Ahaz again? 2 Chr 28:16-27



Facing Syrian-Ephraimite threat Ahaz looks to King of Assyria for help - but Tiglath-Pileser III afflicts him instead.

Ahaz gives tribute to appease him - it doesn't help.

Ahaz becomes yet more faithless, idolatrous - even sacrificing his own children.

Ahaz SHUTS the doors of God's house, makes altars all over Jerusalem, makes high places to other gods in every city of Judah.

His punishment: buried in Jerusalem. Not buried with other kings of Israel. God's judgment.

# Isaiah 7:2

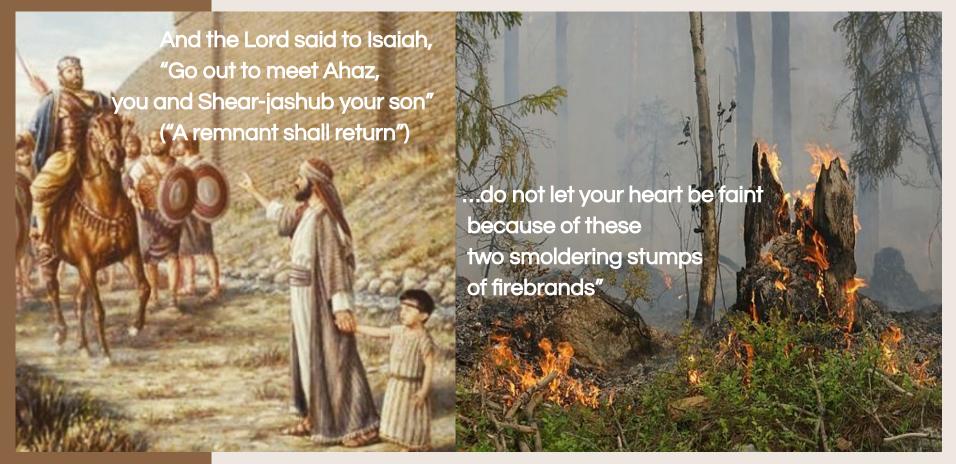


"when the house of David was told, 'Syria is in league with Ephraim,'

# the heart of Ahaz and the heart of the people shook

as the trees of the forest shake before the wind."

# Isaiah 7:3





### Isaiah 61:1-4



They may be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified

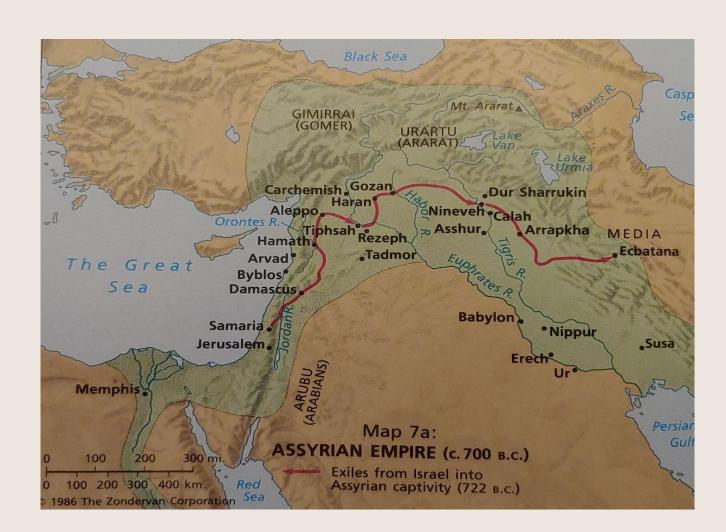
Look to the Lord for help.

Stand firm in faith.

"Any alliance with
Assyria was like an
alliance with Nazi
Germany. They were
simply waiting for the
day when they could
take you too."
- Oswalt

Damascus - capital of Syria

Samaria - capital of Israel



734 BC Syria and Ephraim form military alliance against Assyria 733 BC Ephraim falls to Assyria

# Isaiah 7

V 10-11 Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." V 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test."

V 14,16 "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name **Immanuel**.

He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For <u>before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and</u> <u>choose the good</u>, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted."

(The "age of accountability" (c 12-13yo) - moral determination, responsibility under the law)

732 BC Syria falls to Assyria

722 BC

Assyria

Israel falls to

734 BC Syria and Ephraim form military alliance against Assyria 733 BC Ephraim falls to Assyria 732 BC Syria falls to Assyria

# Isaiah 8

The Lord said to me, "Take a large scroll and write on it with an ordinary pen: **Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz."** 2 So I called in Uriah the priest and Zechariah son of Jeberekiah as reliable witnesses for me. 3 Then I made love to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. And the Lord said to me, "Name him **Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.** 

"Quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil,"

4 For before the boy knows how to say 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried off by the king of Assyria."

722 BC Israel falls to Assyria

(kids start talking in first 2 years of life)

### "Quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil"?



# Isaiah 8:18

18 Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the Lord Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.

Who are you?

How are you

(and your children, if you have them)-a sign and a symbol from God?

# Be a sign 8 symbol from God.

### The LEEs: No Ordinary Korean Family



Sueah: "teaching with words/mouth in Africa"

Baeah: "lifting up others in Asia."

Sueah ended up becoming interested in teaching in the Middle East and especially N Africa, and her PhD dissertation involves N African/Spanish (andalusi) Islamic philosophers and mystics.

Baeah lives in Korea doing music ministry, also doing some work in China and Philippines as well with her children's choir.

So it kinda turned out like our names, but nobody planned it that way. [← I respectfully disagree!]

# Isaiah 9

[8:22: The people will be thrust into DARKNESS]

V 2 - the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone... **LIGHT** 

V 3 - you have multiplied the nation, increased its joy, They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest... **JOY** 

V 4 - for yoke, staff, rod broken -- // v 8-9 broken and shattered

V 5 - the warriors boots, bloody clothes will be burned // Isa 2:4, Psalm 46:9

Symbols of martial efforts/war will be destroyed and **PEACE** will be brought about

# Believe

V 6 - for to us, a child is born, to us, a son is given... And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace...



# Isaiah 9-10

### **Judgment on Arrogance and Oppression**

V 9:10 blind self-confidence, they don't think to repent. Superficial response to national calamity.

9:12b, 17b, 21b; 10:4b - "for all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still." God's unrelenting anger -- because of his judgment on them

### Judgment on Arrogant Assyria - God rules over them as well

10:12 "Assyrian evil is used by God -- but is still held accountable by God....God will punish Assyria, which fell in 612 BC"

### The Remnant of Israel will Return

10:20 "In that day the remnant of Israel...a remnant will return...to the mighty God..."

10:24-25 "O my people...be not afraid of the Assyrians when they strike with the rod.... For in a very little while my fury will come to an end, and my anger will be directed to their destruction."

# Trust God to be the ultimate judge.

### Isaiah 10:33-34

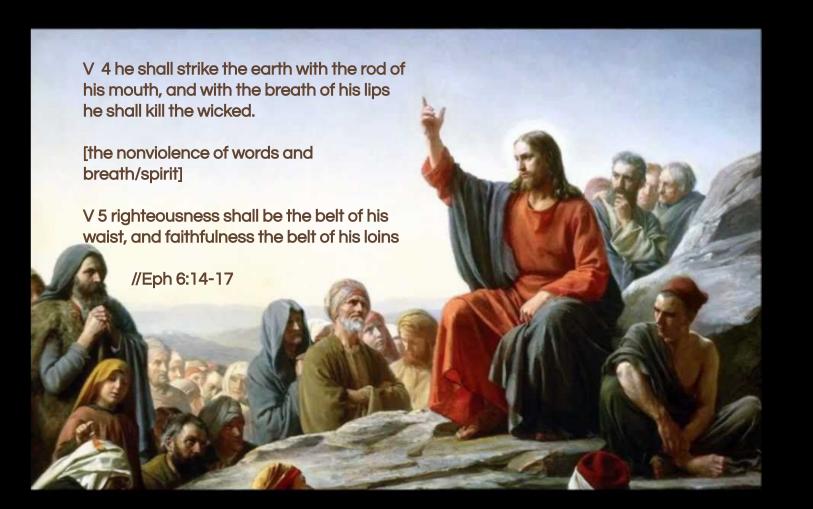


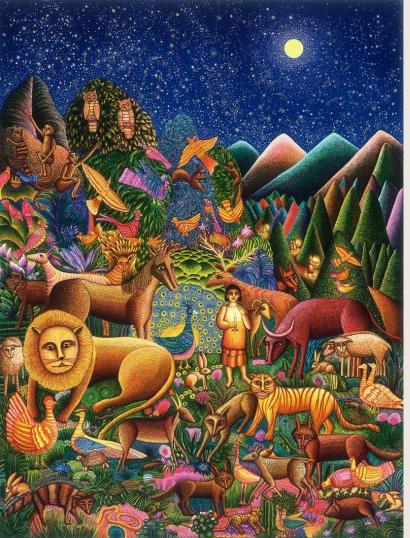
Behold, the Lord God of hosts will lop the boughs with terrifying power; the great in height will be hewn down, and the lofty will be brought low. He will cut down the thickets of the forest with an axe [//Assyria], and Lebanon will fall by the Majestic One."

# Isaiah 11:1



A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.





### Isaiah 11 - peaceable kingdom

6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,

and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,

and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;

and a little child shall lead them.

- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

// Genesis, Eden, creation restored

# Contribute to his peaceable kingdom.



# Isaiah 12 (SUNDAY TEAM read aloud)

(TTH) You will say in that day:

(SUN) "I will give thanks to you, O Lord,

(TTH) for though you were angry with me,

(SUN) your anger turned away,

(TTH) that you might comfort me.

(refers back to chap 9 and 10)



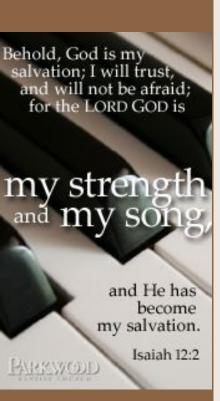
(TTH) 2 "Behold, God is my salvation;

(SUN) I will trust, and will not be afraid;

(TTH) for the Lord God is my strength and my song,

(SUN) and he has become my salvation."

(TTH) 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.



(TTH) 4 And you will say in that day:

(SUN) "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name,

(TTH) make known his deeds among the peoples,

proclaim that his name is exalted.

(SUN) 5 "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

(TTH) 6 Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

(SUN) for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Sing to God who is your salvation.



# Isaiah 7-12

Look to the Lord for help. Stand firm in faith.

Be a sign and symbol from God.

Believe in his never-ending government and peace.

Trust God to be the ultimate judge.

Contribute to the peaceable kingdom.

Sing to God who is your salvation.

