

Deliverance through God's Presence:
A Sign Given in a Virgin's Child Named Immanuel,
God with Us
Isaiah 07: 10–25

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| <p>1. God's offer to give Ahaz a sign: To stir belief</p> <p>a. Ahaz's rejection: Had decided to trust Assyria instead of God, 2 Kng 16:5-7</p> <p>b. Isaiah's rebuke: Ahaz had exhausted God's patience — due to his unbelief and rejection of God</p> <p>2. God's sign — a virgin would bear a son named Immanuel, which means <i>God with us</i>: Fulfilled in Jesus Christ (Mt. 1:22-23)</p> <p>a. The child would be reared in poverty, in time of national crisis</p> <p>b. The enemies — both Syria and Israel — would be destroyed while the child was still young</p> <p>3. God's warning of future judgment: Judah would be devastated, the most severe suffering since its birth as a nation</p> <p>a. <i>In that day</i>, the LORD would whistle for Egypt and Assyria to attack Judah</p> | <p>10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,</p> <p>11 "Ask the the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."</p> <p>12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test."</p> <p>13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! <i>Is it</i> not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?"</p> <p>14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.</p> <p>15 He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right,</p> <p>16 for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.</p> <p>17 The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah — he will bring the king of Assyria.</p> <p>18 In that day the LORD will whistle for flies from the Nile delta in Egypt and for bees from the land of Assyria.</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be like swarms of flies and bees • Would swarm over the whole countryside <p>b. <i>In that day,</i> the LORD would use Assyria to execute His judgment: Assyria would be like a razor, shaving off all hair — totally humiliating the people</p> <p>c. <i>In that day,</i> a farmer would struggle to have one cow and two goats.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The animals produce milk • The milk (curds) and wild honey found would feed the few survivors remaining <p>d. <i>In that day,</i> the cultivated land would go to waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fruitful vineyards would be only briars and thorns • The land would become wild, good only for hunting wild game • The cultivated farms would be overtaken by briars and thorns: Animals would graze in the fields | <p>19 They will all come and settle in the steep ravines and in the crevices in the rocks, on all the thornbushes and at all the water holes.</p> <p>20 In that day the LORD will use a razor hired from beyond the Euphrates river — the king of Assyria — to shave your head and private parts, and to cut off your beard also.</p> <p>21 In that day, a person will keep alive a young cow and two goats.</p> <p>22 And because of the abundance of the milk they give, there will be curds to eat. All who remain in the land will eat curds and honey.</p> <p>23 In that day, in every place where there were a thousand vines worth a thousand silver shekels, there will be only briars and thorns.</p> <p>24 Hunters will go there with bow and arrow, for the land will be covered with briars and thorns.</p> <p>25 As for all the hills once cultivated by the hoe, you will no longer go there for fear of the briars and thorns; they will become places where cattle are turned loose and where sheep run.</p> |
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**Deliverance Through Heeding God’s Warning
of Impending Judgment: Symbolized in the Name
of Isaiah’s Child Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baza
Isaiah 08:01–10**

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| <p>1. The instructions of God to Isaiah: Was to publicly record (display) his son’s name and to verify it by two witnesses</p> <p>2. The sign of God’s judgment: Isaiah’s newborn son was to be named Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz, which means <i>quick to plunder, swift to the spoil</i></p> <p>a. The child was a sign of coming judgment on Syria and Israel: Were to be destroyed by Assyria before the child could even speak (about two years)</p> <p>b. The child was a sign of coming judgment on Judah: Had rejected the flowing waters of <i>Shiloah</i>, God’s care and provision, see 7:11-12; 2 Kng 16:5-7</p> <p>3. The description of the coming judgment on Judah</p> <p>a. Assyria would sweep across the land like the mighty floodwaters of the Euphrates: Reach up to the neck (Jerusalem), but not totally drown the people</p> | <p>1 The LORD said to me, “Take a large scroll, and write on it with an ordinary pen: Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.”</p> <p>2 So I called in Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberekiah as reliable witnesses for me.</p> <p>3 Then I made love to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, “Name him Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.</p> <p>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 of by the king of Assyria.”</p> <p>5 The LORD spoke to me again:</p> <p>6 Because this people has rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah and rejoices over Rezin and the son of Remaliah,</p> <p>7 therefore the LORD is about to bring against them the mighty floodwaters of the Euphrates — the king of Assyria with all his pomp. It will overflow all its channels, run over all its banks</p> |
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| <p>b. Assyria would be like a mighty bird of prey spreading its destructive power over all the land</p> <p>4. The assurance of deliverance</p> <p>a. The nations of the world would raise their war cry against Judah, but they would be broken, shattered</p> <p>b. The reason destruction would take place: Because of Immanuel, <i>God with us</i> (7:14), and because the promised land is His (8:8)</p> | <p>8 and sweep on into Judah, swerling over it, passing through it and reaching up to the neck. Its outspread wings will cover the breadth of your land, Immanuel!”</p> <p>9 Raise the war cry, you nations, and be shattered! Listen, all you distant lands. Prepare for battle, and be shattered! Prepare for battle, and be shattered!</p> <p>10 Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us.</p> |
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