

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 briers and thorns • The land would become wild, good only for hunting wild game • The cultivated farms would be overtaken by briers 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 briers and thorns.</p> <p>24 Hunters will go there with bow and arrow, for the land will be covered with briers 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 briers and thorns; they will become places where cattle are turned loose and where sheep run.</p>
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