Deliverance through God's Presence: A Sign Given in a Virgin's Child Named Immanuel, God with Us

Isaiah 07:10-25

- 1. God's offer to give Ahaz a sign: To stir belief
- 10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,
- a. Ahaz's rejection:Had decided to trust Assyria instead of God, 2 Kng 16:5-7
- 11 "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights."
- b. Isaiah's rebuke:Ahaz had exhausted God'spatience due to his unbeliefand rejection of God
- I will not put the LORD to the test."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask;

- 2. God's sign a virgin would bear a son named Immanuel, which means *God with us:* Fulfilled in Jesus Christ (Mt. 1:22-23)
- 13 Then Isaiah said,
 "Hear now, you house of David!

 Is it not enough to try the patience of humans?
 Will you try the patience of my God also?

- a. The child would be reared in poverty, in time of national crisis
- 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.
- b. The enemies —both Syria and Israel —would be destroyedwhile the child was still young
- 15 He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right,

- 3. God's warning of future judgment:
 Judah would be devastated, the most severe suffering since its birth as a nation
- 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.

- a. *In that day*, the LORD would whistle for Egypt and Assyria to attack Judah
- 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.
- 18 In that day the LORD will whistle for flies from the Nile delta in Egypt and for bees from the land of Assyria.

- Would be like swarms of flies and bees
- Would swarm over the whole countryside
- b. *In that day*,
 the LORD would use Assyria
 to execute His judgment:
 Assyria would be like a razor,
 shaving off all hair —
 totally humiliating the people
- c. *In that day,*a farmer would struggle
 to have one cow and two goats.
- The animals produce milk
- The milk (curds) and wild honey found would feed the few survivors remaining
- d. *In that day*, the cultivated land would go to waste
- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 21 In that day, a person will keep alive a young cow and two goats.
- 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.
- 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.
- 24 Hunters will go there with bow and arrow, for the land will be covered with briers and thorns.
- 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.

Deliverance Through God's Light Shining in this World: Fulfilled in God's Child of Redemption, Jesus Christ Isaiah 09:01–07

1. The promise of a bright, glorious future, Mt.4:13-16

- a. All gloom would be erased
- b. All the land (Galilee) would be honoured

2. The hope for this glorious future: A great light (Christ), Jn. 8:12

- a. He would give light to all held in darkness and death
- b. He would protect the nation of believers and increase their joy
- c. He would deliver all who were under bondage or oppression
- d. He would bring peace to people and to the world

3. Jesus Christ would bring this glorious future to earth

- a. He would come first as the God-Man
 - Humanity: A child is born
 - Deity: A son is given
- b. He would come to govern
- c. He would have four names

- 1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.
 In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in future he will honour
 Galilee of the nations, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan —
- 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
- 3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.
- 4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.
- 5 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.
- 6 For to us a child is born,
 to us a son is given,
 and the government will be on his shoulders.
 And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor,
 Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father,
 Prince of Peace.

- d. He would return to establish God's kingdom on earth
 - Would rule in peace
 - Would rule on David's throne forever, fulfilling God's promise
 - Would establish perfect justice and righteousness
 - Would rule eternally
- e. His Word would be guaranteed by God's zeal
- 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.