

5 - THE DELIVERER (ISAIAH 7:1-9:7)

I. The Birth of Immanuel (Isaiah 7:1-25)

A. Judah's fear (Isaiah 7:1-2)

- During King Ahaz's reign, Syria and Israel joined forces against Judah.

Historical Note: Ahaz

Ahaz was the son of Uzziah. He ruled the southern kingdom of Judah from 735-715 B.C. During his reign and because of his policies, he made Judah a vassal state of the Assyrian Empire after the destruction and exile of the northern kingdom. His reign was also marked by a denial of the worship of the Lord as the nation was led by the King to embrace the idolatry of the nations around them. Ahaz had prepared the way for his own downfall by his religious apostasy.

- Judah was terrified by the alliance between Syria and Israel.

B. The Lord's assurance (Isaiah 7:3-9)

- The Lord sends Isaiah and his son to meet King Ahaz.
- Isaiah is to tell Ahaz not to fear the alliance of Syria and Israel and their threats.
- Isaiah proclaims that Israel will be defeated in 65 years.
- If Ahaz would not believe and stand in this prophecy, he would not stand at all.

C. Ahaz's unbelief (Isaiah 7:10-12)

- The Lord offers Ahaz to do any sign in order to confirm the prophecy.
- Ahaz covered his unbelief by piously rejecting the offer.

D. The sign (Isaiah 7:13-25)

- Isaiah proclaims that Ahaz was testing the patience of the Lord.
- The Lord would give Ahaz a sign in order to confirm the prophecy.
- Isaiah proclaims that a virgin will conceive and bear a son.
- His name will be called Immanuel, which literally means God with us.
- The alliance between Syria and Israel will be broken before the child is two years old.
- The Assyrians will invade and bring devastation not seen before in Judah.

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- Assyria will humiliate Judah and bring deprivation to the land.



II. The Coming Deliverer (Isaiah 8:1-9:7)

A. The significance of the child's name (Isaiah 8:1-10)

- Isaiah is told to record the meaning of his son's name.
- Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz means "quick to plunder, swift to the spoil."
- Isaiah's wife gave birth to a son that Lord told Isaiah to call this name.
- Isaiah is told that before this child can speak, Assyria will defeat Syria and Israel.
- Israel will be overwhelmed by the armies of the Assyrians.
- The Assyrians will not prevail against Judah because "God is with us."

B. Spiritual blindness (Isaiah 8:11-22)

- The Lord warned Isaiah not to walk as those who do not believe.
- Judah is to fear God rather than the alliance that is formed against her.

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- Isaiah is to concentrate his proclamation on those who are disciples.
- Isaiah affirms that he will wait on the Lord in hope.
- Isaiah affirms that he and his children are signs in Israel.
- Judah sought guidance from the dead rather than from God.
- Judah will blame God for the distress that Assyria will bring.

C. The future deliverance (Isaiah 9:1-7)

- The gloom that came upon the northern kingdom will not last.
- Isaiah proclaims that it will be called Galilee of the Gentiles.
- A great light will emerge to a people in great darkness.
- The Lord will increase their joy as he delivers them from their burdens.
- The Lord proclaims five things concerning the coming deliverer.
 1. A son will be born to Israel.
 2. He will rule over his people and the world.
 3. His character is described as wonderful, counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, and prince of peace.
 4. Seated on David's throne, he will have an eternal rule of peace and justice.
 5. The deliverer will rule because the zeal of the Lord will accomplish it.