

Immanuel: God's Sign
Isaiah 7:1- 8:22
Key Verse: 7:14

1. What problem did Ahaz face? (7:1--2a) What did his enemies plan? (5--6) How did Ahaz respond, and what effect did he have on his people? (2b) What did God tell Ahaz through Isaiah and his son? (3--4) What were God's promise and warning? (7--9) As a leader, why did he need instead to stand firm in faith?
2. How did God offer to help Ahaz? (7:10--11) Why did he refuse God's help and justify himself? (7:12; 2Ki16:5--18) How did Isaiah rebuke him? (7:13) How and why had God been patient with the house of David? (Ro2:4)
3. Despite Ahaz's stubbornness, what sign did God himself give him? (7:14) What does "Immanuel" mean? Nevertheless, how would God use Assyria as his instrument of judgment on the land and people of Judah? (7:17--25)
4. What is the meaning of the name God asked Isaiah to write on a large scroll and name his son? (8:1--3) How was the birth of Isaiah's second son an initial fulfillment of 7:14? What would happen while this new son was still young? (7:15--16; 8:4) Note in 8:5--10 where the word "Immanuel" is repeated. How did this word plant hope in his people?
5. What warning did God give Isaiah? (8:11--15) Who is the one we should fear, and why? What should we do when the times around us are dark like this? (8:16--22) Note especially how God wanted to use Isaiah's house church (8:18).
6. Read 7:14. When was this promise fulfilled, and how does this reveal God's grace to sinners? (Mt1:23) Although kingdoms rise and fall, how does the Immanuel God reveal his sovereign reign over the world and history? Why should we put our trust and hope only in him? How has God been with us and our nation, despite our stubborn unbelief?