

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 28-35

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Ephraim will be broken that it be not a people. 65 yrs. after that the Assyrians bring in colonists from other nations to put them when Ephraim was. The Ephraimites have been taken away. It has ceased to be a kingdom, 30 yrs. (less than that) after this but now they take them away and it's no longer a people, The ten tribes have often been spoken of as the lost ten tribes. They are not really lost. They got mixed with Judah. Judah is what's preserved and Ephraim 65 yrs. from now is no longer a people. But what grt. comfort is taht? When you have just a few miles up there the Assyrians and the Ephraimites and they are going to attack, and you say, Don't worry about the Ephraimites, sixty-five years from now they won't even exist any more. Ahaz isn't worried about 65 yrs. d from now. He's worried about what's going to happen next month. So Ahaz you can imagine, as a purely secular unbelieving man is disgusted at Isaiah and it is quite evident upon his face. So vs. 10, Moreover the Lord spoke again unto Ahaz saying, Ask thee a sign of the Lord ~~they/~~ thy God. Ahaz looks disgusted. Why bother with this junk that Isa. is giving? I know how we are going to be safe, because T.P. is going to protect us. Why waste time on this? We've got to hold back the ~~As~~ Syrians and the Ephraimites until the Assyrians get here, and why waste time on this? Now lets get on with the work. But Isa. says, Ask a sign of the Lord. Ask it in the depths~~of/~~ or in the height above. Ask for some sign if you don't believe my word. Ask the Lord to give you a sign. And ~~thz~~ Ahaz says- I'm not interested in these signs and all this ~~foolish~~ talk. I want to get on with the work. The biggest battallions are what win the war and T.P is coming with them. I want to get on with it. I don't want all this foolish talk. But what can I do~~now~~. I can't just say, Kick Isa. out of here. I can't do that because the people will be upset. So I want to get rid of him as easy as I can so Ahaz~~thz~~ hits upon a very clever scheme. Vs. 12: Ahaz makes a very pious statement. I will not ask, neither will I tempt the Lord. Isn't that beautiful? Very beautiful spirit that Ahaz shows in the words, if you don't know who Ahaz is and if you don't know what the situation is. But in the light of --- if these words meant what they ~~wb/~~ sound like, if Ahaz intended to be what they sound ~~th/~~ like as you read them in cold print, Isa. would say, Well that's a fine spirit you are showing, Ahaz.