

. . . population in the land will have a purge because of the destruction by the Assyrians, so that the few that are left in the land will be able to eat butter and honey that when there is a great population and a big demand you just can't get. Then there will be a glut on the market because though there is not a lot of them there are still less people to try to buy it. So that this theme of devastation by Assyria is stressed here in Isa. 7:17-25. Again in ch. 8:6-8 - "Now therefore the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the River (that's the Euphrates R., it is called the River) strong and many (here's a fig. of speech) -- Some people say they take everything in the Bible literally, well if they do they don't take the Bible truly because here is a figure of speech very clearly. It is not literally. It is to be taken truly for what it means, and what it means is explained here. It does not tell them about a flood. "The Lord will bring upon them the waters of the River strong and mighty, even the K. of Assyria in all his glory." The power of the Assyrian army ~~in~~ with his tremendous army is thought of as a River overflowing all its banks. And he shall overflow all his channels or his banks and he shall pass thro Judah. He shall overflow and he shall go over even to the neck, and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. So here is a figure of speech, but it is perfectly clear here what the figure means. Figures of speech do not make things unclear. Often they make things clear and plainer, easier to understand. But here it is a vivid figure, how that the Assyrian power that Ahaz has brought in to protect him from Assyria and from Ephraim is going to flood right over like a great flood into Judah, and there will be great devastation and great difficulty there. And of course this continues on until you get into the time of Hezekiah when there is only the city of Jerusalem left, and practically all the rest of the land is in the Assyrian hands until God delivers by that great pestilence, 30 yrs. after this time. Those are the grt. themes here, and then the other is Immanuel.

That we found in Isa. 7:14 -- the Rebuke to Ahaz and the encouragement to the godly is that God is going in his own time to send his own king, his own representative