

for you to worry men but will you worry my God also?" It is the strongest sort of rebuke. There would be no sense in a strong rebuke like that if the beautiful words that Ahaz had said were said in sincerity. It is perfectly plain that it is just a temporary scheme of Ahaz to politely get rid of Isaiah and not to offend the people who think that Isaiah is a prophet of God but at the same time to get him out of the way ~~and~~ as nicely as possible, just to move him aside in such a way that he can go on with the things that he is interested in doing. So he says, "Oh, house of David, is it a small thing for you to ~~worry~~ worry men? Will you worry my God also?" The strongest sort of a rebuke. "Therefore," he says, "the Lord himself will give you a sign." You notice that he ~~xxx~~ started, "oh, house of David". Ahaz is a representative of the house of David. David was a man after God's own heart. David was a man who had stood for the Lord and followed the Lord's will. Here David was promised a continuing house, always a man would be on his throne.

Here is the man who sits on his throne and he is a man who rule these men and would rule God, a man who is not interested in God's protection, who has a secret clever ~~ex~~ scheme of alliance. So the Lord says, "Your scheme won't do you any good." He answers Ahaz with three answers. In the first place he says God is not going to put up with that sort of an attitude. God is going to place on the throne in the headship of the house of David one who will be a true follower of God, one whose very name will be Immanuel, God with us, one who will be entirely from Ahaz if they replace Ahaz in this position. Secondly, he says that ~~xxx~~ God has ~~xxxxx~~ said that within 65 years Ephraim will be broken, and you don't think that will help it will be a shorter interval. If a child is born in the near future, verse 16, before this child will know not to keep away from putting his hand on a hot stove and instead to reach for the dish of warm milk, before he knows enough to refuse the harmful thing and chose the good thing, within three or four years the land ~~willxxx~~ that you ~~xxxx~~ oppose will be forsaken of both her kings. Within the length of time before a little child now born or ^{born} ~~born~~ within the next few ~~xxx~~