

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 28-35

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But you ~~just~~ just trust the Lord and you will be all right. But that's not what he says at all. Isa. is not there to encourage Ahaz. He is not there to comfort Ahaz. He is there to rebuke A. And so he goes on and rebukes him. He has called on him to trust the Lord instead of trusting in his secret plans and schemes with T.P. So vs. 13, He said, hear ye now O house of David, Is a small thing..... Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. The Lord will give you a sign, God is not going to put up with the House of David having such degenerate representatives as Ahaz. People who are not trusting the Lord or following him. God is going in his own time to replace Ahaz by one who will truly represent God in this position as the head of God's people. So the Lord Himself will give you a sign. That looks at the ultimate rebuke for A. But then for comfort for the people and assurance that God can deliver them, they don't have to look for their secret schemes, we find vs. 16, For before a child shall know, a child if one were born right know would know how to refuse the evil and choose the good. Before a child would be able to make simple choices, to reach for the warm milk and not to put his hand on the hot stove, to choose the good and refuse the evil, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. So you don't need to trust these plans, God can protect you and he will. Well 65 yrs. from now Ephraim will no longer be a people! Who cares about that! Well I'll give you something closer. Within 2 or 3 yrs. at most, before the child is able to make simple decisions, before that time Syria will be conquered. Resin will be gone. Israel will have been overrun, people will be gone and a puppet king Hoshea will be reigning in a nominally independent kingdom of Israel. The land will be forsaken of both her kings in this number of yrs. So here is the treatment of the Syro-Ephraimitic invasion in this section.

We find it referred to again in ch. 8 vs. 3-4. In ch. 8, vs. 3-4 we find: I went to the prophetess and she conceived and bare a son, Then said the Lord to me..... which means Hurry the booty, hasten the spoil, for before....the child shall have knowledge to cry Daddy and Mummy, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.