

“THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE”

Isaiah 7-9

Introduction

- 1) **Isaiah** is quoted in the New Testament more than twice as much as any other major prophet
 - a) Quoted some eighty-five times using sixty-one separate passages from Isaiah
- 2) Many of these prophecies concern the coming Messiah and His future kingdom
 - a) Isaiah has been called the “Messianic Prophet”
- 3) Our study today deals with messianic prophecies as well as warnings for Isaiah’s day

I) **A Threat against Jerusalem (7:1-9)**

- A) In the days of king Ahaz of Judah, king Rezin of Syria and king Pekah of Israel tried to take Jerusalem but could not prevail (v. 1; see also 2 Kgs. 16:5)
 - 1) Heart of king and people of Jerusalem are troubled (v. 2)
 - 2) Isaiah and his son, Shear-Jashub, are sent by the Lord to tell them not to fear (vv. 3-9)
 - a) The threat will not succeed and Ephraim [Israel] would be broken in sixty-five years

II) **Ahaz and the Sign – Virgin will Conceive and Immanuel Born (7:10-16)**

- A) Lord invites king Ahaz to ask for a sign, but he refuses – Lord is angry (vv. 10-13)
- B) Lord gives a sign to the house of David: ***Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel*** (vv. 14-16)
 - 1) Quoted in Matthew 1:22-23 and fulfillment applied to the miraculous conception of Jesus
 - 2) It would be a short time for this child to grow to understanding good and evil, and a similar short time would bring an end to the threat by Syria and Ephraim

III) **The Coming Destruction by Assyria (7:17–8:10)**

- A) Assyria will bring worst days since division of kingdom (7:17)
- B) The “shaving” of Judah will result in devastation of livestock and agriculture (7:18-25)
- C) Isaiah writes before witnesses the name “Mahar-Shalal-Hash-Baz” (“Speed the Spoil, Hasten the Booty”), then has a child with his prophetess wife that will bear this name (8:1-4)
 - 1) Before child can call “Daddy” and “Mommy,” Syria and Ephraim will be overthrown
- D) Judah will be “flooded” up to the neck (8:5-8)
- E) The plotting of foreign countries against Israel will not last (8:9-10)

IV) **Fear God and Heed His Word (8:11-22)**

- A) Fear God and not men who threaten and conspire (8:11-15)
 - 1) God is a stone of stumbling and rock of offense to the unbelieving (cf. 1 Pet. 2:8; Rom. 9:33)
- B) Put trust in God’s word, not in man’s wisdom (8:16-22)

V) **The Coming Light and King of the Messianic Kingdom (9:1-7)**

- A) A great light will be seen by those in darkness – Galilee (cf. Matt. 4:12-16)
- B) Kingdom of Messiah [Child, Son - 7:14] will bring joy and peace, judgment and justice
 - 1) *Government upon His shoulder* – Messiah continually rule on the throne of David
 - 2) *Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace* – qualities of the royal Messiah’s being and character
 - 3) *Zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this* – God’s eternal purpose in Christ Jesus

VI) **Four Oracles of Punishment against Ephraim/Israel/Samaria (9:8–10:4)**

- A) Condemned for its pride, evil leaders, wickedness, and injustice
- B) Punishment coming – “His anger is not turned away, His hand is stretched out still”

Conclusion

As disaster looms for the unfaithful nation, God’s faithful people look to the Messiah to come!