

Series: Isaiah 1-39
 Lesson: Isaiah 7 and 8 - Signs of Hope amid Times of Fear
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I. Historical Background

a. International situation

- i. Date: Isaiah 7 & 8 takes place between 750 and 730 BC.
- ii. Two major political powers are Assyria and Egypt.
- iii. Syria and N. Israel lay siege to Jerusalem but are unable to take the city.

b. Jerusalem's situation

- i. King Ahaz, filled with fear, chooses to seek protection against Syria and N. Israel.
- ii. Isaiah, filled with faith, chooses to trust God.

II. Events as they unfold in Isaiah 7 & 8

Passage	Event	Explain
7:1-2	Crisis	
7:3-6	Counsel	
7:7-9	Confirmation	
7:10-13	Call for decision	
7:14-17	Consequences I	
7:18-25	Consequences II	
8:1-10	Consequences III	
8:11-12	Colleagues	

III. Reflections on Immanuel

- a. Immanuel occurs 3 times in this section of Isaiah,
- b. Immanuel means God with us.
- c. In the New Testament (Mt. 1:23) the fulfillment of Isaiah 7:14 comes with the birth of Jesus
- d. List at least one issue that is discussed concerning Isaiah 7:14

