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### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- → Jacob's children grew into millions of people
- ◆ They are freed from captivity from Egypt
- ◆ They are given the promised land by God
- ◆ The nation establishes kings.
- → The nation ends up being divided into a northern kingdom and southern kingdom.
  - ◆ The division happens by tribes

## 1. THE FEAR

Isaiah 17:1-2— In the days of Ahaz...king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah...the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. When the house of David was told, "Syria is in league with Ephraim," the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

#### 2. THE MESSAGE

Isaiah 17:3-4— And the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field. And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah.

#### 3. THE PROMISE

Isaiah 17:5— Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, "Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it," thus says the Lord God:"It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass....And within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered from being a people...If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all."

#### 4. THE ASSURANCE

Isaiah 17:10-12—Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

#### 5. THE SIGN

Isaiah 17:13-14—And he[g] said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

# When things seem hopeless God says...

A Look	
B. Look	
C. Look	

**Here is The Point:** Let's wait with hope...