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835 - 796	Joash (son of Ahaziah)	Good / Evil	<i>Joel</i>	2 Ki 11-12 2 Ch 23-24	814 - 798	Jehoahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 13
796 - 767	Amaziah (son)	Good / Evil		2 Ki 14 2 Ch 25	798 - 782	Jehoash (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 13-14
					782 - 753	Jeroboam II (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 14
					753 - 752	Zechariah (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 15
767 - 740	Uzziah aka Azariah (Son)	Good/Evil		2 Ki 15 2 Ch 26	752	Shallum	Evil / Evil	<i>Amos Hosea</i>	2 Ki 15
					752 - 742	Menahem	Evil / Evil	<i>Jonah</i> (2 Kings 14:25; Jonah 1:1)	2 Ki 15
748 - 732	Jotham (Son)	Good/Good	<i>Isaiah Micah</i>	2 Ki 15 2 Ch 27	742 - 740	Pekahiah (Son)	Evil / Evil	<i>Micah</i>	2 Ki 15
732 - 716	Ahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 16 2 Ch 28 Is 7	752 - 740 (rival) 733 - 722 (sole)	Pekah (Captain)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 15
716 - 687	Hezekiah (Son)	Good/Good		2 Ki 18-20 2 Ch 29-32 Is 36-39	732 - 722	Hoshea	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 17
					Israel into Assyrian captivity - 722 BC				
687 - 642	Manasseh (Son)	Evil / Good		2 Ki 21 2 Ch 33				<i>Nahum</i>	
642 - 640	Amon (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 21 2 Ch 33					
640 - 608	Josiah (Son)	Good/Good		2 Ki 22-23 2 Ch 34-35					
608	Jehoahaz (Son)	Evil / Evil		2 Ki 23 2 Ch 36					
608 - 597	Jehoiakim	Evil / Evil	<i>Habakkuk Zephaniah</i>	2 Ki 23-24					



The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

The Saving Prophet

Isaiah 7-8

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Isaiah—Revelation

We continue new study— (in 6)

- In our last study (Bible as Contract) we finished with a newly created Heavens and Earth as found in Rev 21:1. We made the observation that it mirrors the ending chapters of **Isaiah 65:17, 66:22 and 2 Peter 3:13** making **this event for the Kingdom not after 1000 yrs of it.**
- It has been noted that **Isaiah is the Apocalypse** (“destruction of the world”) of the Old Testament as **Revelation is the Apocalypse** of the New.
- My conclusion is that there is no “**new world**” beyond the 1000 year mark in the Kingdom—revealed in the Old Testament.
- Our intention is to investigate that hypothesis in our study of Isaiah, a Jewish book with Jewish promises—that ends on a Jewish note.
- **Our understanding is the New Testament does not deny any facts of the Old.**

Isaiah 7-12 Section

- The next section of Isaiah's prophecies are chapters 7-12.
- We will not do all this in one week because there are three Messianic prophecies in this section.

We do 7-8 today.

- The 7-12 section, is largely an historical one of civil wars and prophetic (?) wars which are used as the background for three Messianic prophecies of hope (7, 8 and 9).
- So chapters 7-8 may make less contribution to our narrowly defined investigative purpose— to find the cycles of warning, to judgement and to restoration.



War in the Land

- Syria and Israel (north) conspire to upset the kingdom of Judah and install their puppet in Jerusalem.
- So low is the state of Israel that it joins a Gentile nation to destroy their brother (Judah) nation.

But they cannot. Why not?
Now for details.



War in the Land Isaiah 7:1

- The sides;
 - 1a. Syrian King Rezin king of Aram,
 - 1b. Israel King Pekah son of Remaliah
 - 2a. Judah King 3. Ahaz, (732-716) —son of 2. Jotham, son of 1. Uzziah. (Note: Ahaz not a good king)

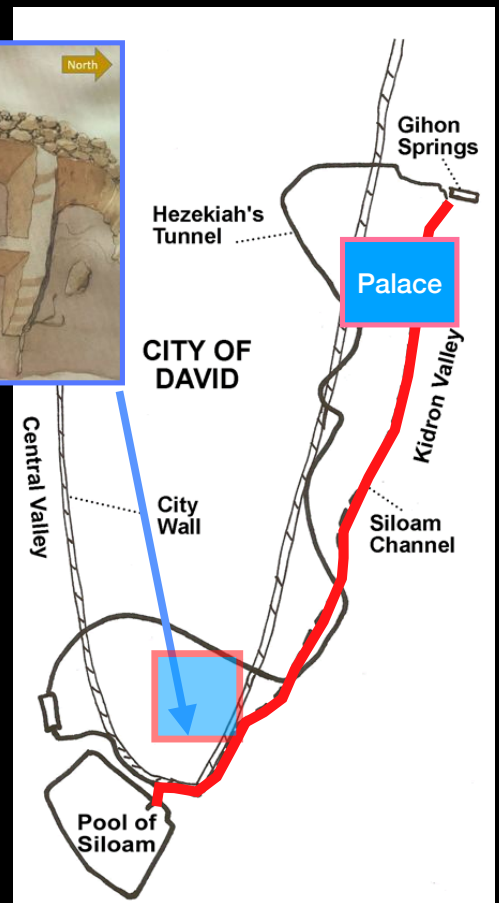


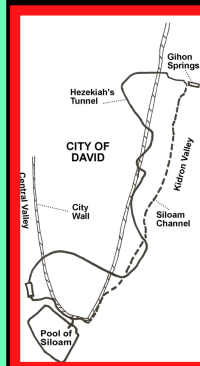
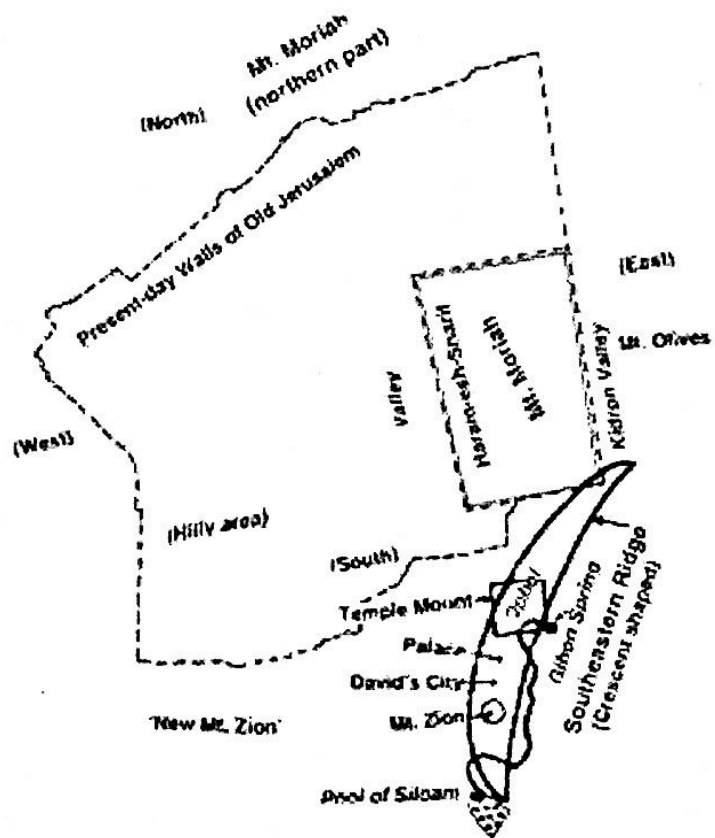
Isaiah 7:2

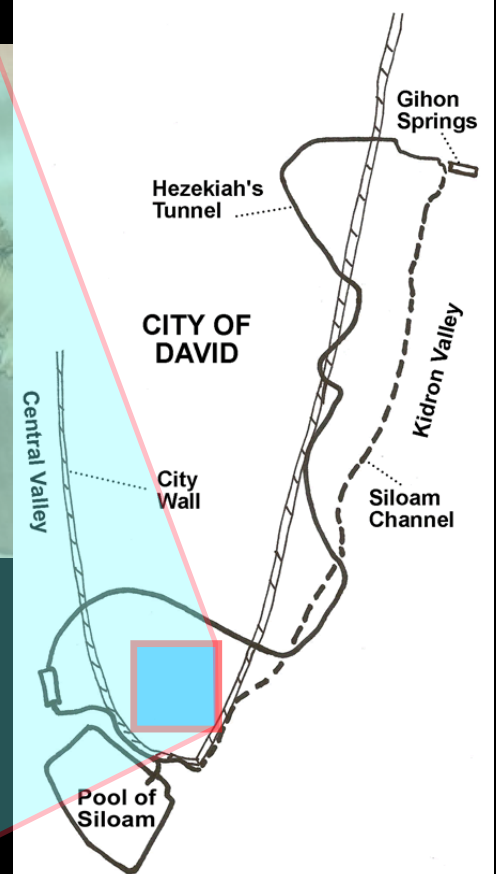
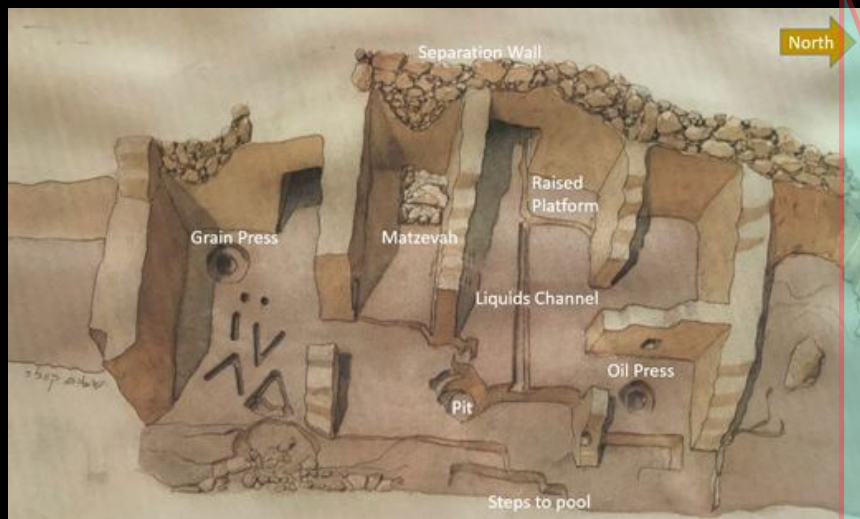
- The **Syrians** are camped in Israel's territory of **Ephraim** north of Jerusalem.
- The people of **Judah** are traumatized by the prospect of war instigated by their brother nation.
- Civil wars can be intense and highly destructive—exhibit our own civil war in 1861-65.

Isaiah 7:3

- Isaiah's task is to deliver a message of hope to Judah king Ahaz.
- He is to take his son Shear-Jashub to meet the king at a known spot—1) at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, 2) on highway (street) to fullers field.



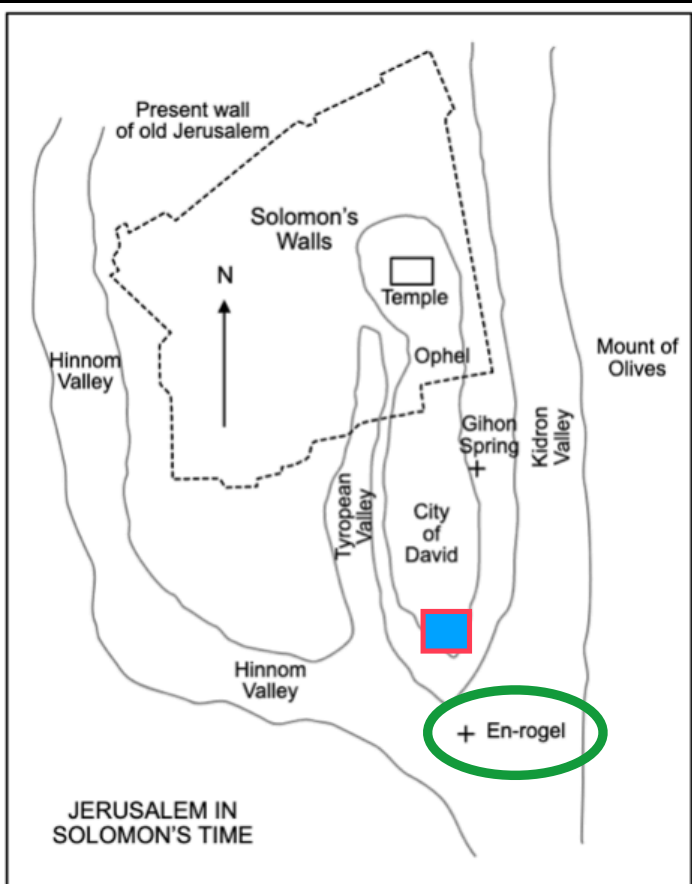




Fabric dyeing facilities in the City of David- “Fullers Field”

Meeting Places

- Meeting place for Abraham's time, in the Valley of the Kings, Gen. 14:17.
- Genesis 14:17 Then after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer (Japheth? son of Noah) and the kings (Ham) who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). Shem is king of Salem!



The Fuller's Field-Extra

Fullers in the Bible

Isaiah 7:3 - *Then said the Lord unto Isaiah, "Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field".* The "conduit" mentioned here must refer to the northern end of the Siloam Channel as Hezekiah had not yet become king and had yet to construct his tunnel. According to Strong's concordance, *highway* (#4546) can be translated as "terrace" (notice Isaiah 49:11, where the word highways is contrasted with mountains). Also, according to Strong's concordance, *Fullers'* (#3526) is translated, "to trample; hence to wash (prop. by stamping with the feet) and *Field* (#7704) to spread out; a field (as flat)".

The Fuller's Field-Extra

The palace has been shown to have existed on top of the ridge and the upper pool, with its associated conduit, is located at the bottom of the ridge. The area in between, just outside the mid-slope wall, was utilized by the fullers.



1, 2, Ancient Egyptian Fullers; *a, b*, Inclined tables; *c, c*, The water running off into the trough below; *d, d*, Stones used for rubbing the cloth; *f*, Jars of soap.

At the Fullers Field

- Isaiah 7:4 and say to him, 'Take care and be calm, have no fear and do not be fainthearted because of these **two stubs of smoldering firebrands**, on account of the fierce anger of **Rezin and Aram** and the **(Pekah-Israel)** **son of Remaliah**.
- 7:5-6 skip the plot to take Jerusalem.

The Message at Fuller's Field

- Isaiah 7:7 thus says the Lord God: “It (the plan) shall not stand nor shall it come to pass.
- Isaiah 7:8 Israel (north) will be shattered no longer a people in 65 years—
- Isaiah 7:9 Ed: Message—Ahaz better believe the prophet or he is finished—“you shall not last.”
- Isaiah 7:10-13 Ed: Lord (through Isaiah) spoke, Ephraim will not last 65 years (v. 8) He tells Ahaz to ask for a sign of confirmation (!)
- ➔ ● Ahaz refuses under a flag of false humility. The Lord angered at Ahaz's feigned modesty will give him a sign ANYWAY TO PROVE THAT HIS WORD IS UNBREAKABLE.

Text

- Isaiah 7:10 Then the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying,
- Isaiah 7:11 “Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; make it deep as Sheol or high as heaven.”
- Isaiah 7:12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!”
- Isaiah 7:13 Then he said, “Listen now, O house of David! Is it too slight a thing for you to try the patience of men, that you will try the patience of my God as well? Note: To pretend a false humility is an affront to God. He knows the heart better than we do.

The Lord Gives the Sign

- Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself **will give you a sign:**
➔ **Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. (God is with us—as in Israel?)** ▲
- Isaiah 7:15 “He will eat curds and honey (impoverished) at the time He knows enough to refuse evil and choose good (age 3?). Isaiah 7:16 “For **before** the boy will know enough to refuse evil and choose good, the **land whose two kings you dread will be forsaken.**
- Calendar date? 721-3yrs =724 (or earlier). Ahaz has been king since 732-724=8 year window when this birth would happen.
- 740 BC, Uzziah’s death, Ahaz (732-716), Conquest of North 720)

War in Judah Skipping

- Isaiah 7:17 “The Lord will bring on you, on your people, and on your father’s house **such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah, the king of Assyria.**”
- Isaiah 7:18 **In that day the Lord** will whistle for the fly that is in the remotest part of the **rivers of Egypt** and for the bee that is in the **land of Assyria.**
- Isaiah 7:19 They will all come and settle on the steep ravines, on the ledges of the cliffs, on all the thorn bushes and on all the watering places.

War in Judah

- Isaiah 7:20 In that day the Lord will shave with a razor, hired from regions beyond the Euphrates (that is, with the king of Assyria), the head and the hair of the legs; and it will also remove the beard.
- Isaiah 7:21 Now **in that day** a man may keep alive a heifer and a pair of sheep; Isaiah 7:22 and because of the abundance of the milk produced he will eat curds, for everyone that is left within the land will eat curds and honey. Isaiah 7:23 And it will come about **in that day**, that every place where there used to be a thousand vines, valued at a thousand shekels of silver, will become briars and thorns.
- Isaiah 7:24 People will come there with bows and arrows because all the land will be briars and thorns.

War in Judah

- **Isaiah 7:25** As for all the hills which used to be cultivated with the hoe, you will not go there for fear of briars and thorns; but they will become a place for pasturing oxen and for sheep to trample.
- The destructive of war is clearly indicted, in the land of Judah, it is possible that this is the destruction of the Tribulation. We may not be able to tell except the “day of the Lord” expression points to the end time desolation. Also since this follows the Messianic prophecy 7:14 it could be the Tribulation.

A Public Witness Before the Priest

- Isaiah 8:1 Then the Lord said to me, “Take for yourself a large tablet and write on it in ordinary letters: **Swift is the booty, speedy is the prey.**”
- Isaiah 8:2 “And I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, (sign) Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.”



A Virgin will Conceive

- Isaiah 8:3 So I (Isaiah) approached the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son.

The sign is a virgin/maiden bearing a son.

But the sign is fulfilled in the prophetess first called a virgin. Isaiah already had a wife, this is an additional wife—permitted in the patriarchal economy. When Isaiah approached the prophetess she was/became his wife. A son was born of a “virgin” would be a proleptic use of virgin. A virgin when the prophecy was given but not when the son is “not virgin born.”

Commentary Witness JFB

- **PROPHETESS**—perhaps the same as the “virgin” (Is 7:14), in the interim married as Isaiah’s second wife: this is in the primary and temporary sense. **Immanuel is even in this sense distinct from Maher-shalal-hash-baz.** [two signs solution]
- Thus nineteen months at least intervene from the prophecy (Is 7:14), nine before the birth of Immanuel, and ten from that time to the birth of Maher-shalal-hash-baz: adding eleven or twelve months before the latter could cry, “Father” (Is 8:4), we have about three years in all, agreeing with Is 7:15, 16.

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Before the son is three years old —

The End of Samaria and Syrian Damascus a territory from Solomon, time: ie Israel is carried away to Assyria.

The sign is perfectly fulfilled. Also the promise that Judah will not fall, should be encouraging to Jerusalem.

The Maiden Virgin Birth

- We have a question that comes out of this passage.
- Isaiah 7:14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
 - Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.
- Fulfillment in Matthew 1:23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Question

- There is no question about the source of the quote in Matthew as the Isaiah passage. It is nearly verbatim.

We have the rule of one prophetic fulfillment for a prophetic utterance.

- So how is this passage, not a violation of this rule? That is was it meant to be fulfilled for Ahaz or fulfilled in Jesus' birth? Cannot be both.

Question

- This question has been a battle ground. Some want to exclude Ahaz in the prophetic treatment. This seems impossible since he would not see the sign which the Lord clearly gave in the sons birth.
- The other view is that it was only for Ahaz and had nothing to do with Jesus's birth. This is unacceptable as well, for conservatives. The liberals are quick to discount "virgin birth fulfillment" and are happy for it to be only for Ahaz.

Inspired Sensus Plenary

- There is an approach that Robert Thomas suggests that allows the “dual” use of the text and not violate the double fulfillment rule.
- **Inspired Sensus Plenary** his term for when a New Testament writer picks up an Old Testament use (idea), as here of a virgin (proleptic) giving birth, expressing Emanuel, and applies it freshly to a new situation for the birth of Jesus.
- Inspired (Matthew is), Sensus (Meaning), Plenary (Added for a Fuller) meaning. **It is done under inspiration. No one else can do this.**

Two Signs Solution

- The best solution is that Ahaz receives two signs.
- One sign an unexpected son of a virgin will be born—unlikely but not impossible. Therefore not a real sign. However Judah will not collapse but Israel will be lost. The sign is of the unlikely but not impossible.
- Second sign before this son will know good from evil, Israel will be lost. Here the sign is, a predicted collapse before a child become morally knowledgeable. This sign could not be falsified. Thus truly the only “sign.”

The Cycling Continues

- The rest of chapter 8 are the prophecies regarding the difficulty the, Emanuel is with us, “Israelites” will have. This has to do with the near time difficulty and the longer time difficulty.
- There must be both in this section as chapter 9 begins with the grand visitation of the Messiah in Israel.
- We will leave the sorting out of this section.

Isaiah 8:5-22. Skipping quickly

- Isaiah 8:5 Again the Lord spoke to me further, saying,
- Isaiah 8:6 “Inasmuch as these people have rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah And rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah;
- Isaiah 8:7 “Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates, Even the king of Assyria and all his glory; And it will rise up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

Isaiah 8:5-22. Skipping quickly

- Isaiah 8:8 “Then it (Armies) will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass through, It will reach even to the neck; And the spread of its wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.
- But it will not kill them.

Isaiah 8:5-22. Skipping quickly

- Isaiah 8:9 “Be broken, O peoples, and be shattered; And give ear, all remote places of the earth. Gird yourselves, yet be shattered; Gird yourselves, yet be shattered.
- Isaiah 8:10 (Her enemies may) “Devise a plan, but it will be thwarted; State a proposal, but it will not stand, For God is with us.” (In Judah)

Isaiah 8:5-22. Skipping quickly

- Isaiah 8:11 For thus the Lord spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk
- (or talk like the common folks who explain it away) in the way of this people, saying, Isaiah 8:12 “You are **not to say**, ‘It is a conspiracy!’ In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it. (Remember God promised deliverance.)

Isaiah 8:5-22. Skipping quickly

**Isaiah 8:13 “It is the Lord of hosts
whom you should regard as holy. And
He shall be your fear, And He shall be
your dread.**

Not Syria or Northern Israel

Isaiah 8:5-22. Messianic References

- Isaiah 8:14 “Then **He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.**
- Isaiah 8:15 “**Many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught.**”
 - Quoted in Rm. 9:33, 1 Peter 2:8, Luke 2:34.
- Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. Isaiah 8:17 And I (Isaiah) will wait for the Lord who is hiding His face from the house of Jacob; I will even look eagerly for Him. (To Come.)

Isaiah 8:5-22. Skipping quickly

- **Isaiah 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion.**
- **Isaiah 8:19 When they say to you (Isaiah), “Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter,” (God says,) should not a people consult their God?**
- **(Why) Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?**

Isaiah 8:5-22. Skipping quickly

- Isaiah 8:20 (Check the) To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.
- Isaiah 8:21 (Long term) They will pass through the land hard-pressed and famished, and it will turn out that **when they are hungry, they will be enraged and curse their king and their God as they face upward.** (Perhaps Rev. 16:11 blaspheme God; Rev. 16:6—acts against God. Rocks fall on us.)
- Isaiah 8:22 **Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be driven away into darkness.**
- Matthew 24-nothing like it ever in the past or future.

Thus Far—
Isaiah 9 begins with Hope