

**WHAT'S IN A NAME?
ISAIAH 7:14 / 12-6-20 / AM**

I. WHAT DID THE NAME IMMANUEL MEAN TO KING AHAZ?

- A. We need to know the circumstances under which King Ahaz heard the name Immanuel.
1. Isaiah 7, King Ahaz and the Southern Kingdom of Israel were under the threat of attack by two neighboring countries.
 2. Ahaz was so afraid that he appealed to Assyria, their neighbor to the east for help.
- B. God sent the prophet Isaiah to promise King Ahaz that God would protect his country from attack.
1. To assure King Ahaz that God would protect him and his country, God invited the king to ask for a sign—Isaiah 7:10-11.

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Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, 11 “Ask the Lord your God for a sign....

2. King Ahaz, however, refused to ask for a sign from God—Isa. 7:12.

Isaiah 7:12

But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

3. Usually asking God for a sign or some kind of proof is an evidence of lack of faith.
- C. God decided to give the king a sign anyway according to Isaiah 7:14-16.

II. ALTHOUGH THE NAME IMMANUEL DIDN'T MEAN MUCH TO KING AHAZ, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO US?

- A. Immanuel means that God wasn't just with the king, but He is also with us.
1. Jesus confirms this—Matthew 28:20.

Matthew 28:20

...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

2. The Apostle Paul adds that God isn't just with us, He is also “in” us—Col. 1:27.

Colossians 1:27

...Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- B. Further, the name Immanuel confirms that Jesus is God because that's the name the angel to Joseph to give to Jesus at his birth—Matthew 1:22-23.