

Immanuel  
Isaiah 7:1-16

Review:

1. We need not be afraid, even in the face of impossible problems, because God keeps His promises to us
2. If we don't want to miss the signs of God's faithfulness to us, we need to turn from our disobedience and trust in God's promises
3. We can trust Christ to save us because He came to be God With Us, even in the midst of our impossible problems

Go Further: Read II Kings 16:1-18

1. According to verse 1, who was Ahaz' father?
2. How old was Ahaz when he began to rule, and how long was his reign?
3. Verse 2 says that Ahaz did not do right in the sight of the Lord. Whose example did he not follow?
4. Whose example does verse 3 say that Ahaz did follow?
5. What particular atrocity does verse 3 mention that Ahaz committed?
6. What did God do to the nations who first observed these practices in the Promised Land?
7. What did Ahaz do on the high places?
8. Who made war on Ahaz in verse 5? What happened when they laid siege to Jerusalem?
9. In verse 7, who did Ahaz ask for help? What did he ask this king to do?
10. How much does verse 8 say Ahaz paid for this help?
11. What happened in verse 9 as a result of Ahaz' bribe?
12. According to verse 10, what did Ahaz see when he went to meet his new ally in Damascus?
13. Because of Ahaz' orders, what did Urijah the priest do in verses 10 and 11?
14. What did Ahaz do with this new altar in verses 12 and 13?
15. What did Ahaz do with the bronze altar that had been in the Temple since Solomon's time?
16. In verse 15, what did Ahaz say should be done with the new altar? How did he plan to use the old altar? Why do you think Ahaz thought he needed to use the old altar for this purpose?
17. What other changes did Ahaz make to the Temple furnishings in verse 17?
18. What architectural changes did Ahaz make to the Temple in verse 18?

Apply:

1. "Passing children through the fire" is a biblical euphemism for burning children alive as sacrifices to false gods. Such worshippers did this either to express the completeness of their devotion, or to implore the gods to give them more children. In what ways do people sacrifice their children today? What do you think they seek in return?
2. Do you think it was a good idea for Ahaz to trust in the King of Assyria to solve his problems? Why or why not?
3. Why do you think Ahaz wanted to make changes in the Temple and its furnishings? What reasons do Christians have for changing the way God is worshipped today? How should we make decisions about our worship?
4. What do you think Ahaz' willingness to make changes in the Temple worship says about his character? How can worshipping God according to His Word correct such sinful attitudes?