

The Sign of Immanuel - Isaiah 7:1-25

Topics: Anger, Courage, Enemies, Faith, Fear, Help, Humiliation, Jesus Christ, Leadership, Miracles, Obedience, Patience, Testing, War, Worry

Open It

- * 1. To whom do people tend to turn when they face difficult circumstances?
- 2. What is one of the most frightening pieces of news you've ever received?

Explore It

- 3. What two nations united against Judah during the kingship of Ahaz? (7:1)
- 4. How was the morale of Judah affected when they heard about the alliance of Aram and Israel? (7:2)
- * 5. What word of encouragement did God send via Isaiah and his son? (7:3-9)
- 6. What did God mean when He said, "the head of Damascus is only Rezin" and "the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son"? (7:8-9)
- * 7. What did God invite Ahaz to do in order to reassure himself? (7:10-11)
- 8. How did Ahaz respond to the invitation to ask God for a sign? (7:12)
- 9. How did God react to Ahaz's refusal to ask for a sign? (7:13)
- * 10. What sign was promised by God, even though Ahaz had not asked? (7:14-15)
- 11. What was Isaiah's specific prediction regarding Ahaz's enemies? (7:16)
- 12. What country would be used by God to punish both Judah and its enemies? (7:17-20)
- 13. In what concrete ways would Judah lose its status as a land of rich, productive agriculture? (7:21-25)

Get It

- 14. What are some of your first instincts when you are overwhelmed by fear?
- * 15. What makes it hard or easy to accept a promise that seems to contradict the facts you see before you?
- 16. What are some examples of how God accommodates our fears and weaknesses?
- 17. In what ways can you, and can you not, be harmed by another human being?
- * 18. What can we learn about God from the fact that He gave a sign that wasn't even requested?

Apply It

- * 19. What fear do you need to surrender to God in order not to be controlled by it?
- 20. For what recent act of concern and faithfulness can you thank God today?