

Isaiah 7:10-25 **Introduction to Immanuel – Yahweh's sign to Ahaz**

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10 Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!"

13 Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?"

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.

17 The Lord will bring the king of Assyria upon you and your people and your father's house — days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah."

18 And it shall come to pass in that day That the Lord will whistle for the fly That is in the farthest part of the rivers of Egypt, And for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19 They will come, and all of them will rest In the desolate valleys and in the clefts of the rocks, And on all thorns and in all pastures.

20 In the same day the Lord will shave with a hired razor, With those from beyond the River, with the king of Assyria, The head and the hair of the legs, And will also remove the beard.

21 It shall be in that day That a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep; 22 So it shall be, from the abundance of milk they give, That he will eat curds; For curds and honey everyone will eat who is left in the land.

23 It shall happen in that day, That wherever there could be a thousand vines Worth a thousand shekels of silver, It will be for briers and thorns. 24 With arrows and bows men will come there, Because all the land will become briers and thorns.

25 And to any hill which could be dug with the hoe, You will not go there for fear of briers and thorns; But it will become a range for oxen And a place for sheep to roam.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Ahaz was a very wicked king of Judah who fully turned away from the commandments of Yahweh causing the Lord to bring enemies against Jerusalem. [2 Kings 16:1-6, 2 Chronicles 28:1-6, Isaiah 7:1-9]

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- ✧ In all prophesies of doom, Yahweh always gives a glimpse of His plan for redemption.
- ✧ Yahweh chose the time of Ahaz, just before the northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians, to give a message of hope to the nation of Judah.
- ✧ Yahweh spoke again to Ahaz offering him a chance to ask for a sign from Yahweh Eloheyk from the depth or the height above. [Isaiah 7:10]
- ✧ Because of his many sins, Ahaz was afraid to test Yahweh any further so he refused to ask. [Isaiah 7:11]

- ☆ Yahweh wanted the nation to receive the message, so Isaiah said: "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary Elohey (my God) also? Therefore Yahweh (the Lord) Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (God with us). [\[Isaiah 7:12-14\]](#)
- ◇ This promise was fulfilled in the birth of Messiah Jesus to the virgin Mary. [\[Matthew 1:18-23\]](#)
- ☆ Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings. [\[Isaiah 7:15\]](#)
- ◇ Indicating that the fulfillment was far in the future, God said before the fulfillment of the prophecy both the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah will fall as the land will be forsaken by both her kings.
- ◇ The description of the fall and its results is shown in the rest of the passage. [\[Isaiah 7:17-25\]](#)
- ◇ The Northern kingdom fell to the Assyrians about 33 years later, and the Southern kingdom fell to the Babylonians about 169 years later (after this prophecy was given).