
Resources

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Isaiah 7:1-9

This took place during the reign of Ahaz, son of Jotham, son of Uzziah king of Judah: Aram's King Rezin and Israel's King Pekah son of Remaliah went to fight against Jerusalem, but they were not able to conquer it.

² *When it became known to the house of David that Aram had occupied Ephraim, the heart of Ahaz and the hearts of his people trembled like trees of a forest shaking in the wind.*

³ *The LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out with your son Shear-jashub to meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, by the road to the Launderer's Field. ⁴ Say to him: Calm down and be quiet. Don't be afraid or cowardly because of these two smoldering sticks, the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and the son of Remaliah. ⁵ For Aram, along with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has plotted harm against you. They say, ⁶ 'Let us go up against Judah, terrorize it, and conquer it for ourselves. Then we can install Tabeel's son as king in it.' "*

⁷ *This is what the Lord GOD says:*

It will not happen; it will not occur.

⁸ *The chief of Aram is Damascus,
the chief city of Damascus is Rezin
(within sixty-five years*

Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people),

⁹ *the chief of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the chief city of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.*

*If you do not stand firm in your faith,
then you will not stand at all.*

Sermon Outline:

1. Attempted peace through worldly wisdom & effort
2. True peace through God

Life Group Leader Notes:



- Pastor Michael preached through the first part of Isaiah 7, but also informed us that chapters 7-9 are 'Advent Gold.' Take a look through those 3 chapters and discuss why this is true.
- Discuss who Ahaz was and why he made the decisions that he made (remember, he allied with Assyria as they plotted the destruction of the surrounding nations. From a worldly perspective, this could have been a smart move).
- Why are his decisions bad? What did this produce in his heart? (fear, trembling)
- Now contrast this with Isaiah. What did the Lord ask him to do?
- What did this produce in Isaiah's heart? (peace, confidence in the Lord, increased faith)
- What does that mean for us today? Can the greatest political minds by the peace our hearts are longing for? If not, how do we have it? (walk through Isaiah 8:11-17 to answer this question. We look for the **hand** of God and listen to the **word** of God)
- Pastor Michael reminded us through Isaiah 45:7 of the complete sovereignty of God, even when calamity comes from His hand. How is this a comfort for us today? This week? Moving into 2022?

