

SIGNS GIVEN

Isaiah 7

INTRODUCTION:

In giving a title to this chapter I discovered a continuation of the letter ~~S~~ and the letter ~~G~~. Chapter 5 - Sour Grapes. Chapter 6 - Seeing God. Chapter 7 - Signs Given.

Brighten our memory - In seeing God Isaiah could see self -- woe is me. See service -- offered to go. See salvation -- one tenth would be saved.

Beckoning signs become a major interest in Chapter 7. The Prophet will take his son and visit the King.

The signs are four in number. 1 - Signs of Politics, Verse 1-2. 2 - Signs of Purpose, Verse 3-12, 3 - Signs of Promised One, Verse 13-15, 4 - Signs of Plight or Paralysis, Verse 16-25.

✓ Signs are useful. Highway markers, railroad signs, sports -- there are signals or signs.

Signs may give advance notice what is to come. Maps out the future. Diagrams the procedure.

I. Signs Of Politics - Political Panic - Verse 1-2.

Verse 1 - This is important prophecy we are dealing with today. Uzziah died. Throne empty. Time of seeing God.

Jotham his son - 16 years King. ← Isa. Passed over in Silence

Ahaz his son - 20 years old is King - storm begins. He did not do that which was right in the sight of the Lord as David his father. 2 Kings 16:2.

What was the Political Outlook?

Confederacy had formed:

- Re-zin - King of Syria
- Pe - Kah - King of Israel - Ep.

Shear -- remnant.

Jashub -- shall return.

Place find the king Ahaz.

Messianic prophecy at this location. The end of the conduit of the upper pool.  
Isaiah is to go the very end of the aqueduct -- the spot where the life giving waters  
pour into Jerusalem.

Pool --- meaning blessing --- we consider water as a first necessity --- upper  
-- highest.

Conduit -- channel / aqueduct for conducting water from the pool to Jerusalem.  
Streams of life.

End / spiritualize / can't get drink from a pipe unless it is where it can be  
filled. (Jesus water of life - at Sychar's well, He was living water).

Highway of Fuller's field.

a path - people may walk to source of water.

Fuller's field - field of him who washes garments - makes soiled garments -  
white and clean. (Peter desired not only his feet be washed but whole life).

*Wash your habits*

Spot where the Prophet with the sign was to stand. King was here fortifying the  
city.

Verse 4 Prophet gives counsel.

Take Heed - Ahaz thought he was doing this by checking fortifications of  
Jerusalem and by calling the King Of Assyria for help. He appears to be wise. But  
the prophet says this is foolish, doom to failure, like preventing the sun rising in  
the East.

He meant take heed about your covenant relations with God.

Be Quiet - The King was straining every nerve to do for himself. What God had  
promised to do for him. Lack of faith causes men to fall. Many imitators of the  
King. God has promised that his people will be safe. Men try by tricks and devices

Two enemies of Judah now join and march towards Jerusalem -- untie their armies. They had acted independently with much success. (2 Kings 16:6, 2 Chron. 28) Now they mass their forces into one. 2 Kings 15:37.

Politics marked by signs of war.

Verse 2 News brought Panic!

David -- "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps. 46:1.

Royal Family in great distress. News of 2 armies! Subjects (People) like the King - Confused.

Sad sight - Hearts described as a leaf trembling on a tree - like trees of a forest moved with the wind!

Fear.

## II. Signs Of Purpose - Verse 3-12.

This sign was to urge return unto Jehovah. Verse 3 Personnel and place - interesting. I restate this was a real effort - striving of the Holy Spirit to awaken the conscience of the nation. No sinner goes to hell without an attempt to rescue him.

You know that you had to fight your way through those transgressions of which you were ashamed.

You will note the stubbornness and insincerity of Ahaz, bent on sin.

Some of the greatest crimes and sins ever committed were done under the pretext of righteousness.

✓ Isaiah - summit conference

Shear - Jashub son of the Prophet A Sign. "A remnant shall return", tied in with last verse of previous chapter --- the tenth. If some of your grandmothers are looking for a name for the grand baby, name him after Isaiah's boy - Shear - Jashub --- and he will receive plenty of attention by people say, "Now what did you say your name was?"

to secure the blessing of God they want.

✓ Fear not - King had great reason for fear. (His real danger was in unbelief. He had not turned to the Lord. Good counsel for God's people today. Fear of temporal things turned into obedient belief.

Appraisal - not faint-hearted - fret not.

✓ Fire-brands - smoking, furious, fire balls! Preference to 2 armies, 2 sticks of fire that will vanish in smoke. Lots of Fire Balls, they soon sizzle out, quenched quickly. King Of Syria and Israel.

✓ Verse 5 - God knew about their plans. 3 Enemies: Syria, Ephraim, Israel -

✓ Verse 6 - Vex - Judah - Test - Show where our hearts really are.

Breach - wall - mark on the wall.

Ta-Beal - Strange Ruler - New King on the Throne.

Vexations cannot expect to prosper. Those who love to do mischief cannot expect to do well. They are secure and confident of success.

They would divide their prey and put a strange - obscure - (Ta-Beal) King On the Throne!

Ta-Beal - Means "The good-for-nothing".

Ta-Beel - Means "The Good God"

Alteration of one vowel point turns the whole idea. What a rival for the Son of David. Instead of a son of the Good God there will be a son of the Devil. A good for nothing - set the good son aside. John 8:44.

✓ Verse 7 - God says it shall not be done! NO. Whatever stands against God cannot stand forever!

✓ Verse 8 - 65 Year Projection. One of the enemies will cease to be a nation. Epharim "be not a people"

Sign - before as 2 torches - fire balls - No flame left. Farsightedness of God.

Head (Human Head) Syria and Ephraim have merely human heads. Re Zin - Pe Kah.

Implied here that Judah has - [divine head] even Jehovah.

How then can these mortals hope to oppose Judah?

In 65 years one of these - Ephraim scattered and not be found.

Verse 9 Faith is your answer - enemies marked for ruin. They trust in the flesh your end will be the same unless you believe and turn to God.

Established is what every man desires to be - great oak - practice faith.

Verse 10-11 Signs of Purpose is found.

Key says the Prophet is Ask A Sign!

Ahaz was a bad man, God was gracious.

Ask - on earth - in Heaven. The common ordinary things or profound.

Seek A Sign.

Verse 12 King - "I will not". Exactly how (Satan) works.

Pious King - I will not tempt Jehovah - even though Jehovah had directed him to request a sign.

Men still hide under pious words. They are to humble to put any confidence in the blood of Christ - just in heretics!

Such modesty - Pharisees in our Lord's time "asked for a sign" but would not have believed had they received the sign.

Gideon - asked for a sign to strengthen his faith - received it! Moses - work miracle signs!

God had said you ask a sign in Heaven or Hell and I will give it.

Ahaz did not wish a sign - not want to believe any other salvation than his own schemes. So declined to ask. He would look to Assyrians for help.

Men are apt to act in this way when they possess earthly resources.

How hard is it for you who live in plenty to pray "give us this day our daily bread?"

Young Rich Ruler - moment of decision.

Pharoah - in such a position.

Ahaz choose between alliance with Assyria or with God? Refuses Prophets direction.

Today not join church, members of the church are inconsistent.

I'm  
Hater than Thou -

Not attend church, not neglect my business and daily duties. Dedicated

Not give to church, believe charity begins at home and they send Concertative some to missions.

Not worship every Sunday, Sabbath made for man, some pleasure for self. Practical

Whom do they succeed in deceiving? Wolf in sheeps clothing soon wear out. Mask of the hypocrite be removed one day.

III. Signs Of Promised One Verse 13 - 15.

Verse 13 - House of David - not just the King.

Wearying - man - disregard of warnings - a trifle.

" God - Wear out his patience - a Major.

Backsliding and apostasy - rejecting God's offer - distrust. Mal. 2:17. "You have wearied the Lord with your words".

Terrible thing patience of God should be tried.

Prodigal Son - A son or daughter, wears out the patience of mother or father through rebellious spirit. "I will not...". *A Christian Father pleaded with me this past week "Can't we do something to get my daughter back in church - it breaks my heart"*

Deferred the duty of repentance. Hope for security is going the wrong course.

Ahaz greatly corrupted - first year of his reign Judea invaded and 100,000 men slain - 200,000 captives carried away. Second year 2 enemies combine and Ahaz shakes like a leaf on a tree, but refuses to ask a sign.

Verse 14 - Sign Is Given.

To the larger house of David. Supreme Lord of All - give a sign. A virgin -

not the wife of the Prophet. A son - not just a mere child. I believe in the Virgin Birth. Pure - young woman - Wonderful thing God was going to do - Telescope of Prophecy

Name - Immanuel - God with us.

Promised one - Messiah - Jesus!

Refer to the promise that the seed of the woman should bruise the head of the serpent.

One virgin, one child is shown in the prophets vision. No reference to time.  
Important feature of the sign is that the Messiah is Immanuel -- in communion with God and his people. Micah 5:2, Isa. 9:6, 7, 33:15.

Strengthen the hope of the faithful in Judah in this hour of fear a new in the covenant to Abraham and David.

Teach them this deliverer would arise and redeem his people.

Victor Hugo's secret of power over the French people was their memory of his coming to them when the disasters of the Franco - German war were falling thickly and the iron band was closing around Paris. Hugo was residing in Guernsey in the Channel Islands, and was safe from war. But when the Prussian Army began to move on Paris, he sent a message to the capitol, "I am coming to Paris".

On the way he witnessed the Bavarians, villages burned to the ground, and he came to imprison himself in Paris. A memorable ovation was given him by the people, and they never forgot his voluntary sharing of their lot."

Can we ever forget that God came and shared our lot? Immanuel - God with us.

Not just for 30 years - "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".  
Matt. 28:20.

He was in the world for men to see. Now He is in Men (Christians) for the world to see. Is he living in you?

Messianic consciousness grew like the rising sun / special seed of Abraham by Sarah in Isaac, then the one royal tribe of Judah, the one family and one son of David -- Distant Friend is said to "be with us". I Cor. 5:3.

✓ Verse 15 Food of the virgins son / Butter and honey - milk. He shall be fed with the common food of infants. This is a consolation to us -- truly man.

Not fed with angels food!

Deep meaning - we need truest food - "Milk of the word".

To refuse evil and learn to do good. He went out doing good. They plucked his beard out on the cross. Milk and honey shall be eat that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good.

How shall you and I acquire the same intelligence as to what is good and evil?

Feeding on the "Sincere milk of the word" morning by morning. More than a religious profession.

IV. Signs Of Paralysis - Verse 16 -25.

Verse 16 - Another Sign Given.

Isaiah's son - Shear - Jashub.

Before this child I hold in my arms is 3 or 4 years older. The land left desolate - sentence of doom.

Verse 17 - Unprecedented days are to come.

Not enemies land, but his own country.

Question of Ahaz - who shall be agent of this distress?

Answer - Assyria - very one Ahaz at that moment was hiring for his help.

Verse 18 - Egypt - fly.  
Assyria - bee.

*Hate a fly around Table when eating?  
Fed him getting my gun & shooting him -*

Flies swarm from the Nile -- accompany filth. Internal corruption. Fly is easy to crush but these will come and do the work of a lion. God can find an instrument when he sends judgment.

Bees from the East the same sign - presistent - pursuers - compass about.

Verse 19 - Cruelty and violence shall cover the land of Judah.

Country cannot make resistance - desolate valleys. They come to rest on the low grounds like swarms of flies and bees.



✓ Verse 20 Razor like cutting a beard away. Judah shall be naked.  
Samson after Delilah had done her work.

The Lord hired the instrument of destruction.

✓ Verse 21 Poor - sum total of a man's wealth shall consist in a half and two sheep! Land not cultivated. Pasture abundant. Happy to have anything left.

✓ Verse 22 Butter - honey - stricken country and one's left will eat the food of a simple cottage shepherd.

Use to have servants - now who family have enough food from one young cow and 2 sheep.

There shall be no flesh, Just butter and honey. Depopulated land.

✓ Verse 23 - Land becomes a jungle. A dismal swamp! A piece of land where 1000 grape vines use to be planted and worth (25 cents) or yearly rent.

*What does hunting once  
fall stay still, the way it would  
move in jungle stay  
till  
sun  
down*

Nature is unchecked - briers - thorns - take the place of grape vines.  
Barrenness - wild grapes!

✓ Verse 24 Instruments of Agriculture - sickles, pruning hooks no longer in use.

The few left come with arrows and bows, wild beasts in the thickets sad. No need for plough or spade - funeral bell has toll.

Curse like the church spoken of in New Testament - poor - blind - naked.

✓ Verse 25 Rich Hill Land - Desolate.

Fences down. The wild boar from out or the wood come to waste the land.

Oxen run wild - no hedge to keep them out -- every vineyard wasted. It is simply an evidence to the curse resting upon it.

Illustrate: Sin and the curse.

Land - as let parents simply leave their children alone, refrain from bringing them up in the admonition of the Lord.

A Wilderness of moral "thorn and briars".

As with the fall of the 1st parents.

Read

So let God simply leave man alone - give him up. Rom. 1:24-32.

Your sign - The cross!

Become A Plus sign in your life -

Do you want A sign?

Do you say "I will not have A sign?"

God has given The sign - Now only A few may accept it -  
Believe it -

Many may trust their "Korean" friends  
Not Power of God -

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Chap. 5 Four Grapes - Are you interested in  
vineyards?

Repeatedly our Lord used emblems of his people.  
He provided generously for a fruitful people -

V.1  
1. Position of the Vineyard

Fruitful hill = Well Drained - Fertile soil.  
Site chosen for Israel.

V.2  
2. Preparation of the Vineyard

The owner tediously removed the unwanted  
stones. Back breaking labour!

3. Plant Selection for the Vineyard

Selected the choicest vines, the finest grapes  
grown in Syria.

4. Protection of the Vineyard

Stone fence to keep animals out - A great  
~~tower~~ for protection and for pleasure of  
observation over the growing vineyard.

5. Prospects of the Harvest.

The owner even excavated a vat for the  
new wine, out of solid stone, nothing was  
wanting; nothing was spared. From  
the lower vat the wine was drained into  
wineskins.

V.7  
6. Patiently the owner waits for fruit!

The Lord expected a fruitful people, looking  
for inward righteousness. His vineyard yielded bitter fruit.  
How long will God wait on His Church to become fruitful??

No Provision has been left wanting for God's Church - The Church is now the vineyard.

Most pointedly our congregation.

We are provided with more resources for fruitfulness than any generation of believers before us!

Review:

Sour grapes - Form of Woes - Jews.

- v. 8 1. Prosperity Selfish greed
- v. 11, 22 2. Problem of drinking Self indulgence
- v. 18 3. Pursuing vice cynical materialism
- v. 20 4. Playing Providence Perision of the standards of Morality.
- v. 21 5. Prudent Pride intellectual pride of self sufficiency.
- v. 22-23 6. Perverted Justice loss of integrity

v. 25 God's hand still stretched out,

# Chapter 6. Confrontation With God: High and Exalted.

"The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever"

Matt 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God."

We see only ourselves as we are when we see God,

## Two Things

### 1. The Vision of God Reveals His Glory.

King Zipporah did - (52 yr reign) National crisis.

The Manifestation of God defies human description:

Scriptures - no man can see God at anytime Ex 19:21, 20:19, 33:20 yet Isaiah, "he saw the Lord". John 1:18; 1 Tim 1:16

The manifestation of God takes place at the earthly home temple or church - also went to ch & really saw God,

The vision God's position & His Praise.

high & exalted - Power towering above the Earth.

His Praise comes in both action & confession from sublime heavenly beings. Seraphim - burning ones -

face - feet - voice - terrible & splendid to see.

Humility, covered their faces & feet -

activity, ceaseless working & praising God

Holiness, never stopping, cry back & forth in

Choirs "Holy, Holy, Holy" we need to join them

### 2. The Reaction of man reveals our need.

To the vision - Woe is me! Driven to Confession!

Have you experienced God? Cleansing comes from the place of sacrifice at the altar -

also sin & guilt covered - - our Christ Blood  
atonement means my sin is so covered that  
God no longer can even see it

He Becomes a Volunteer Have you volunteered?

Someone ask a Rabbi "Why is it, no one see God anymore like  
moses + abraham?" Rabbi said, They is men can not bow low enough.

## Chapt. 7. Signs Given

The commission carried out - The spot at which the prophet is directed to stand

Who is the answer to man's battles? Christmas reminds us that God's baby is the answer 7:9.

God's baby - Immanuel - v 14.

What does that word 2,700 years ago say?

Like Isaiah's Times - our generation lives in fear of disaster  
Isaiah's tiny nation Judah faced 2 powerful nations  
in the North Syria and Israel's equivalent of 20  
divisions of soldiers camped on the border  
Would the defenses hold up if the water supply is cut?

v. 11 Divine offer of a sign - a miraculous sign offered.

v. 12 Human rejection

The Timeliness of the sign.

The Timelessness of the sign - Virgin Conceive.

Specified time - specified way.

Four Signs in Number -

v. 1-2 1. Signs of Politics - Panic

v. 3-12 2. Signs of Purpose

v. 3 Shear (remnant) shall return

JA shwb (shall return)

v. 6 TA - Bear (The good for nothing - Shows where

v. 8 65 yrs Ephraim cease as Nation (The heart is)

v. 10-11 Purpose is found - Gods wants to help!

v. 13-15 3. Signs of Promised one

v. 14 Name Immanuel and his food v. 15-16

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- Sign of the curse -

unprecedented days are to come - Fly + bee