



Immanuel—"God is with us"

"...the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

The historical setting of the prophecy of the birth of Messiah The time is 735B.C. Ahaz is over the Southern Kingdom of Judah

During the time that Ahaz son of Jothan, son of Uzziah, was king of Judah,
Isaiah 7:1 Message

The ten tribes of Israel had joined in a military alliance with Syria intending to re-invade the southern kingdom of Judah.

[2] When the Davidic government(Judah) learned that Syria had joined forces with Israel, Ahaz and his people were badly shaken. They shook like trees in the wind.
Isaiah 7:2 Message

God sends Isaiah to an exact location to speak to Ahaz

"Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field, Is.7:3

Homographs- Look alike, sound alike but mean two different things. BOW- to bow at the waist, or bow of a boat,

...the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field,

Pool can also mean "blessing."

Upper can also mean "the most high"

upper pool means "blessings of the Most High"

highway to the Fuller's Field

Highway is always an ascent. In this case it was

"The highway to holiness (see Isaiah 35) led to Fuller's Field.

Fuller in older English meant-washer or laundryman

Fuller's Field means public laundry

When these meanings are considered we see why the prophet was sent to where these two places met – it was where the

"upward way of cleansing and of washing, met the downward flow of the channel of the blessings of the Most High."

What would that symbolize? From the New Testament, we know it could only describe the Lord Jesus himself.

God has a message for Ahaz from Isaiah

[7] But God, the Master, says, "It won't happen. Nothing will come of it... [8] ...As for Israel (the northern kingdom), in sixty-five years it will be rubble, nothing left of it.
Isaiah 7:7,8

God is willing to prove His word

[11] "Ask me for a sign, Ahaz, to prove that I will crush your enemies as I have promised. Ask for anything you like, and make it as difficult as you want."
Isaiah 7:11

[12] But the king refused. "No," he said, "I wouldn't test the Lord like that." [13] Then Isaiah said, "Listen well, you royal family of David! You aren't satisfied to exhaust my patience. You exhaust the patience of God as well!
Isaiah 7:12,13

First Prophecy meant for all people all time that would trust in God

[14] All right then, the Lord himself will choose the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel—"God is with us."
Isaiah 7:14 735B.C.

"Fear not to take this woman to be your wife because that which is born of her is of the Holy Spirit,"
Matthew 1:20 0 AD

Second Prophecy meant for Judah as punishment for it's unbelief

[15] By the time this child (Shear-jashub) is old enough to eat curds and honey, he will know enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong. [16] But before he knows right from wrong, the two kings you fear so much—the kings of Israel and Aram—will both be dead. [17] "The Lord will bring a terrible curse on you, your nation, and your family. You will soon experience greater terror than has been known in all the years since Solomon's empire was divided into Israel and Judah. The mighty king of Assyria will come with his great army!"

Isaiah 7:15-17