

A Choice: Isaiah 7 – 8
Week 5 in Our Teaching Series in the Book of Isaiah
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The Setting (Isaiah 7:1 – 2, as well as 2 Kings 16 and 2 Chronicles 28)

- ↪ Ahaz is king of Judah (735 – 715 BC) - “followed the detestable practices of the pagan nations”
- ↪ Judah is attacked by four nations simultaneously

The Choice

- ↪ God tells King Ahaz not to _____ about those enemies (7:3 – 9)

Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm(v. 9)

- ↪ A sign: _____ . (7:10 – 25)

- ↪ The coming _____ (8:1 – 10)

- ↪ Trust in _____ (8:11 – 22)

Yahweh has given me a strong warning not to think like everyone else does (v 11)

Dig Deeper: Who is Immanuel in Isaiah 7:14?

- “sign” = physical evidence of spiritual reality
- = עַלְמָה *Almah* = young woman who is betrothed
- Septuagint (Greek OT from 250 BC) translates the word as “virgin”
- Four possibilities
 1. Jesus (Matt 1:23)
 2. Isaiah’s second son
 3. Ahaz’s good son Hezekiah
 4. A child to be born of a woman at the river (betrothed wife of Ahaz)

Note: “Fulfilled” in the New Testament can mean to “fill it up”, or to add a layer of meaning to something said before

See the connection with the Matthew 1:23 passage!

