

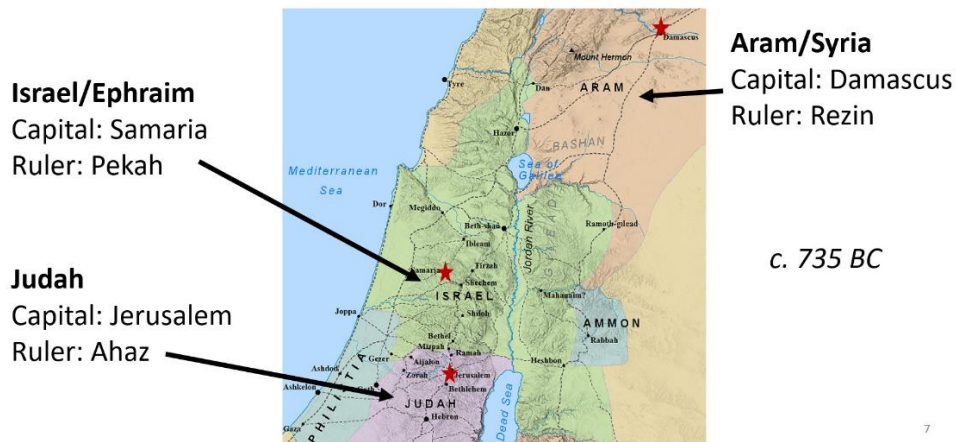


Today's Topic: A Glimmer of Hope
Isaiah 7:10-17
Sunday, November 28, 2021

1. A _____

“When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.” Isaiah 7:1 (NIV, 2011)

Ephraim, Aram and Judah



2. A _____

“If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.”
Isaiah 7:9b (NIV, 2011)

3. A _____

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV, 2011)

A Short-Term Fulfillment

“Then I made love to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. And the LORD said to me, ‘Name him Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz. For before the boy knows how to say “My father” or “My mother,” the wealth of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria will be carried off by the king of Assyria.’”

A Long-Term Fulfillment

Isaiah 8:3-4 (NIV, 2011)

“But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel’ (which means ‘God with us’).”

Matthew 1:20-23 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps: Whom can you encourage this week with this reliable promise?

Discussion Questions:

1. What makes a promise reliable?
2. Read Isaiah 7:1-6. Describe the threat that the text is describing.
3. Read Isaiah 7:7-9. Why should the king not be overwhelmed by this threat?
4. How would you define biblical faith?
5. How can faith provide a solid foundation in times of trouble?
6. Read Isaiah 7:14, 8:1-4, and Matthew 1:20-23. How does the promise of this child encouraging both to the people of that day, and to the people of our day?
7. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?