

“A Child of Prophecy”

Isaiah 8

The Child V. 1-10

The predicted Child V. 1-2 – Isaiah was told to write down the name of his next child and have witnesses. The pagan gods and demons could not accurately predict the future for they are bound by time much as humans are. **2 Peter 3:8-9**

The significant Name V. 3-4 – Maher-shalal-hashbaz – “The spoil speeds, the prey hastens.” A prophetic name that means judgment is soon coming, they will take the spoils of the land and all you can do is run! Before the boy can speak Syria and Israel will fall to the Assyrians. **2 Kings 17:1-6**

The application to Judah V. 5-10 – Judah has forsaken the stream of Shiloah (God) in favor of the powerful river (Assyria). Assyria will overflow into Syria and Israel and Judah will rejoice. The river will then continue into Judah in judgment despite the war cries and plans they will endure judgment up to their necks (laying siege to Jerusalem). Still this is God’s land and people and He will preserve it even from the Assyrians. Immanuel – God is with us. Only Used in Isaiah and quoted in **Matthew 1:18-25**

The Focus V. 11-22

Do not focus on the things the World focuses on. – Conspiracies, armies, war, and a world falling apart around us. The world’s fear produces more fear and darkness driving us away from God. **Romans 12:1-2**

Fear God – In reverence, awe and His power. **Psalms 19:7-9**

Sanctuary or Stone – God is either a sanctuary we hide in or a rock of offense we stumble on. **Matthew 21:42-44**

Declare truth to those who will hear it – Isaiah was called to preach to those that will hear. The message is the same but no longer was he called to “cast his pearls before swine.” **Matthew 7:1-6**

Light or Darkness – Following the wisdom and guidance of the world leads to foolish mutterings and utter darkness. Although God’s path is not as immediate it is the path that leads to peace and contentment. **1 John 1:5-10**

Application

Discussion Questions

How has God been with you (Immanuel)?

When the overwhelming flood of life comes where is your focus?

How can you make God your sanctuary instead of your stumbling stone?

Homework

Read *Isaiah 9-10:4*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Identify how God is your sanctuary everyday and share that other Godly people in your life.