

ISAIAH 8

2/22/23

ISAIAH 8:1-4 NKJV

MOREOVER THE LORD SAID TO ME, "TAKE A LARGE SCROLL, AND WRITE ON IT WITH A MAN'S PEN CONCERNING MAHER-SHALAL-HASH-BAZ. [2] AND I WILL TAKE FOR MYSELF FAITHFUL WITNESSES TO RECORD, URIAH THE PRIEST AND ZECHARIAH THE SON OF JEBERECHIAH." [3] THEN I WENT TO THE PROPHETESS, AND SHE CONCEIVED AND BORE A SON. THEN THE LORD SAID TO ME, "CALL HIS NAME MAHER-SHALAL-HASH-BAZ; [4] FOR BEFORE THE CHILD SHALL HAVE KNOWLEDGE TO CRY 'MY FATHER' AND 'MY MOTHER,' THE RICHES OF DAMASCUS AND THE SPOIL OF SAMARIA WILL BE TAKEN AWAY BEFORE THE KING OF ASSYRIA."

- “Large Scroll”... “write on it with a man’s pen”
- This was to be very visible
- It was to be public record for all to see before it happened to prove it was from God when it came to pass.
- Man’s pen= common writing that all men could understand (more than likely a picture or symbols)
- Example: Story of Thomas Nast

- Maher-Shalel-Hash-Baz
 - Spoil quickly; booty hastens
 - Another object lesson by our Lord (i.e. Shear-Jashub=a remnant shall return)
 - Isaiah names his next son the same as the prophecy (v 3)
 - A living symbol of the pending judgment upon Syria and Israel
- Before Isaiah's new son could talk, Tiglath-Pileser would take for spoil Israel and Syria
 - (the countries feared by Ahaz king of Judah)
 - Example: Ichabod=the glory has departed (Saul)

- The Lord gave the prophecy
- Isaiah understood the prophecy
- The people probably did not at the time.
- It would stand as a big “I told you so!” From the Lord
- Reminds me of when the angels visited Abraham before heading to Sodom.
 - The remnant was preserved in both instances (Lot and Judah)
 - Judgment rendered in both instances
 - God’s man warned in both instances

- To further confirm the prophecy, God provided two witnesses: Uriah and Zechariah (v 2)
- They bore witness of the prophecy given to Isaiah by the LORD
 - Uriah was a priest
 - Zechariah was a prophet
 - Both of their testimonies would have heavy weight with the people

ISAIAH 8:5-8 NKJV

THE LORD ALSO SPOKE TO ME AGAIN, SAYING: [6]

"INASMUCH AS THESE PEOPLE REFUSED THE WATERS OF SHILOAH THAT FLOW SOFTLY, AND REJOICE IN REZIN AND IN REMALIAH'S SON; [7] NOW THEREFORE, BEHOLD, THE LORD BRINGS UP OVER THEM THE WATERS OF THE RIVER, STRONG AND MIGHTY- THE KING OF ASSYRIA AND ALL HIS GLORY; HE WILL GO UP OVER ALL HIS CHANNELS AND GO OVER ALL HIS BANKS. [8] HE WILL PASS THROUGH JUDAH, HE WILL OVERFLOW AND PASS OVER, HE WILL REACH UP TO THE NECK; AND THE STRETCHING OUT OF HIS WINGS WILL FILL THE BREADTH OF YOUR LAND, O IMMANUEL.

- Shiloh was a clear, calm brook of water located in or near Jerusalem running between Mount Moriah and Mount Zion
 - Calming
 - Pleasant
- Instead they preferred the unpredictable waters (Euphrates)
 - Alliance with foreigners
 - Those unpredictable waters would spill over
 - Assyria would conquer the allies and part of Judah

- (V 8) “up to the neck”
 - That is as high as the water can get before we drown
 - Jerusalem was the head sticking up over the “neck” of Judah
 - They would not conquer Jerusalem
 - A remnant would be preserved for Immanuel!

ISAIAH 8:9-10 NKJV

"BE SHATTERED, O YOU PEOPLES, AND BE
BROKEN IN PIECES! GIVE EAR, ALL YOU
FROM FAR COUNTRIES. GIRD YOURSELVES,
BUT BE BROKEN IN PIECES; GIRD
YOURSELVES, BUT BE BROKEN IN PIECES.
[10] TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER, BUT IT WILL
COME TO NOTHING; SPEAK THE WORD, BUT IT
WILL NOT STAND, FOR GOD IS WITH US."

- It doesn't matter what country or countries, leader or leaders, Immanuel (Christ) prevails
- Their jockeying for position and power is useless
- Christ prevails!

ISAIAH 8:11-15 NKJV

FOR THE LORD SPOKE THUS TO ME WITH A STRONG HAND,
AND INSTRUCTED ME THAT I SHOULD NOT WALK IN THE WAY
OF THIS PEOPLE, SAYING: [12] "DO NOT SAY, 'A
CONSPIRACY,' CONCERNING ALL THAT THIS PEOPLE CALL A
CONSPIRACY, NOR BE AFRAID OF THEIR THREATS, NOR BE
TROUBLED. [13] THE LORD OF HOSTS, HIM YOU SHALL
HALLOW; LET HIM BE YOUR FEAR, AND LET HIM BE YOUR
DREAD. [14] HE WILL BE AS A SANCTUARY, BUT A STONE OF
STUMBLING AND A ROCK OF OFFENSE TO BOTH THE HOUSES
OF ISRAEL, AS A TRAP AND A SNARE TO THE INHABITANTS OF
JERUSALEM. [15] AND MANY AMONG THEM SHALL STUMBLE;
THEY SHALL FALL AND BE BROKEN, BE SNARED AND TAKEN."

“God knew that Isaiah and his followers were a minority who held unpopular political views about the Syro-Ephraimite War, about God’s prophetic promises for the future, and about where to go for hope in the dark days that would follow...The righteous must stand firm; they cannot fear what other people say or do. Although others will talk about a “conspiracy”, Isaiah and his followers were not to get caught up in this talk and fear mongering...”

- We as believers have plenty of conspiracies in our day.
- We do not have to live in fear.
- The Lamb has overcome!
- Put your trust in Him!

- The coming Immanuel would be for them as well as those who follow either:
- Sanctuary, security or
- Stumbling
- 1 Corinthians 1:23
- 1 Peter 2:4-10

ISAIAH 8:16-18 NKJV

BIND UP THE TESTIMONY, SEAL THE LAW
AMONG MY DISCIPLES. [17] AND I WILL WAIT
ON THE LORD, WHO HIDES HIS FACE FROM
THE HOUSE OF JACOB; AND I WILL HOPE IN
HIM. [18] HERE AM I AND THE CHILDREN
WHOM THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME! WE ARE
FOR SIGNS AND WONDERS IN ISRAEL FROM
THE LORD OF HOSTS, WHO DWELLS IN
MOUNT ZION.

- Seal it up! Hide it from those that are not your disciples
 - Cf. 6:9-10
 - Cf. Jesus taught in parables (Matthew 13:10-17)
- Isaiah and his family stand as signs and wonders
 - To the coming judgment
 - But also the coming salvation
 - Isaiah and his family will trust in God for salvation

ISAIAH 8:19-22 NKJV

AND WHEN THEY SAY TO YOU, "SEEK THOSE WHO ARE MEDIUMS AND WIZARDS, WHO WHISPER AND MUTTER," SHOULD NOT A PEOPLE SEEK THEIR GOD? SHOULD THEY SEEK THE DEAD ON BEHALF OF THE LIVING? [20] TO THE LAW AND TO THE TESTIMONY! IF THEY DO NOT SPEAK ACCORDING TO THIS WORD, IT IS BECAUSE THERE IS NO LIGHT IN THEM. [21] THEY WILL PASS THROUGH IT HARD-PRESSED AND HUNGRY; AND IT SHALL HAPPEN, WHEN THEY ARE HUNGRY, THAT THEY WILL BE ENRAGED AND CURSE THEIR KING AND THEIR GOD, AND LOOK UPWARD. [22] THEN THEY WILL LOOK TO THE EARTH, AND SEE TROUBLE AND DARKNESS, GLOOM OF ANGUISH; AND THEY WILL BE DRIVEN INTO DARKNESS.

- (Vv 19, 20) The people would be tempted and some had fallen already into the occult practices of that day that are no different from our day.
- Whispering incantations
- It is demonic sorcery
- The original language alludes to ventriloquism (demons speaking through these mediums)
- The Word of God is ALWAYS the standard!

- (Vv 21, 22) The coming oppression would force people to wander through the land
- No food or supplies
- They will curse their king (Ahaz) and his rulings
- They curse their circumstances but not their own apostasy