Isaiah 7

King James Version (KJV)

(Rezin, the king of Syria, and Pekah, king of Israel, attack Judah)

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it. (God is against civil war; even worse when one side brings in foreigners. This is Israel and Syria attacking Judah)

- ²And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind. (They trembled with fright Israel sided with Syria against them)
- ³Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field; (Shearjashub the remnant shall return)
- ⁴And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. (The fire has gone out. Just smoke on the end of a still hot stick)

(These two kings are nothing but smoke. Their flame has already gone out. Don't fear them)

- ⁵Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,
- ⁶Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of <u>Tabeal</u>: (Tabeal < an Aramaic name > = pleasing to God)

(It is unknown who this person was. Probably a puppet king that they could control; or he may have been the son of Rezin, the king of Syria)

(He is a type for antichrist in the future; sitting on the throne of Jerusalem; where he doesn't belong. The "Syrian" is also a name for the antichrist, in other Books of the Bible)

- Thus saith the Lord God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. (God won't allow it)
- *For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people. (In 65 years, Israel <the 10 tribes>would go into captivity to the Assyrians, and will no longer be a people)
- ⁹And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established. (A Hebrew saying If you do not trust, then you will not be trusted or If you don't understand, then you won't stand. If you don't understand the Word of God, then He will not support you)
- 10 Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,
- ¹¹ Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. (Ask God for a sign either from hell or from Heaven)

(God is saying this sarcastically. You aren't supposed to ask God for signs. You are supposed to trust Him; and know that He has your best interest at heart)

- ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. (Ahaz was one of the worst kings of Judah. He can't even obey God when he is told to ask for a sign)
- ¹³ And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, <u>but will ye weary my God also?</u> (God offered you a sign. ASK!)
- ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name <u>Immanuel</u>. (Immanuel = God with us) (This is a prophecy for the coming of Jesus God in the flesh. ONE GOD many offices)

(Jesus is God - begotten in the flesh; not His "son" as so many Christian churches teach. Jesus Himself said – If you've seen me, you've seen the Father) John-14:9

¹⁵ Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good. (Butter and honey – curds and honey – the food of a prophet)

¹⁶ For before the <u>child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good</u>, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings. (But even before then, both Israel and Syria will be gone. They will be taken captive)

(child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good – Because this child will be God, in the flesh; not a prophet. God begat Himself, through Mary, into a flesh man just like us. HE came to begin a New Covenant – a New Testament, with us, for all time) Hebrews-2:14

- ¹⁷The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria. (God will bring the king of Assyria down upon Israel and Syria like a great storm)
- ¹⁸ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. (God will call them out, and they will come)
- ¹⁹ And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes. (This all came to pass by the Assyrians)

(This is also prophecy for the locust army, in the end days)

- ²⁰ In the same day shall the <u>Lord shave with a razor that is hired</u>, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard. (This is the degradation and consumption of Israel by foreigners the razor that is hired. They will lose everything to foreigners)
- ²¹ And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; (He will just barely be getting by. This is not much of a herd nor a flock 1 cow, 2 sheep)
- ²² And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land. (Even with only one cow and 2 sheep, the remnant shall have plenty. Even as the nation is being looted by foreigners and heathen peoples, God takes care of His own)

NOTE: (The same will happen in the end days. Even as antichrist is spiritually destroying the people of the world, the remnant of God will have plenty to sustain them – physically and spiritually)

- ²³ And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at <u>a thousand silverlings</u>, it shall even be for briers and thorns. (That is the price of the best vineyards that money can buy. Without God, even the best vineyards will not produce anything but thorns)
- ²⁴ With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns. (Their enemies will attack them because they won't have God's blessings)
- ²⁵ And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

(The Assyrian is coming with communism and socialism and with Islam and atheism to turn the land into a trampled wasteland. All of these groups hate Christianity)

(Yet God is saying that even with very little <one heifer and two sheep> the ones who remain loyal to God will prosper because of His blessings. They have nothing to fear)