

Isaiah 7:1-16
God's Sign of Salvation

INTRO: 700 years before the Savior's virgin birth came the great prophesy of Isaiah 7:14!

Understanding the historical context of Isaiah 7 will help us to better appreciate the wonder of what Matthew records in Matthew 1:18-25 and what Luke recounts in Luke 1-2!
The miracle of Christmas is more glorious than we could possibly imagine.

This morning sermon will be summarized using the following 6 Headings:

- 1) (Isaiah 7:1)

- 2) (Isaiah 7:2)

- 3) (Isaiah 7:3-9)

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(Isaiah 7:10-12)

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(Isaiah 7:13-16)

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(Matthew 1:18-25)

For Further Reflection/Application:

How does understanding the biblical/historical context of Isaiah 7 help you to better appreciate the wonder of Jesus' birth miracle in Matthew 1:25?

List some of the proper responses that should take place in our hearts/lives when considering portions of Scripture that showcase the stunning fulfillment of prophetic Scriptures?

How is that God can predict with 100% accuracy things pertaining to the future?

Israel and Judah were tempted to look to other nations when faced with dangers and difficulties that seemed to surround them? What places of refuge do you sometimes turn to rather than looking to Christ and God's Word first? Confess this unbelief and fear as sin and find Divine forgiveness in the Savior.

Why does "prayerlessness" often reveal to us that we are not fleshing out the implications of Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 26:3-4, John 14:1f, and Philippians 4:6-8.

Consider the practical implications of Isaiah's warning to Ahaz in Isaiah 7:9b;
"If you will not believe you surely shall not last."

How did the preacher illustrate God's 5 message to TRUST Him? (note Aaron's Rodgers famous "R-E-L-A-X" text message. Isn't God's track record even more consistent than that of Mr. Rodgers?)

Reflect on the significance of Ray Ortlund Jr.'s quote, "*God is present in our crises (believer). IF we will trust Him, He will save us. IF we refuse Him, He will discipline us, but He would rather save us.*"

Related Resources:

The Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ- J Gresham Machen
Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts- Jerry Bridges

Related Songs:

Come Behold the Wonderous Mystery- Matt Boswell
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence- Fernando Ortega
Fullness of Grace- the Getty's
Trust and Obey-

Related Biblical Texts:

*Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1f; 26:3-4; Joshua 1:9; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 1:18-25;
John 14-16; Philippians 4:6-8*