

December 18th, 2022 ● Isaiah 7:1 – 9:7

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IMMANUEL, "GOD WITH US" (The Back-Story)

As the LORD unpacks His sign of "Immanuel" ("God with us") to His people in Isaiah 7:1-9:7, He gives us three reasons for trusting in Him in our own times of national crisis and personal challenge, no matter how our nation goes or whatever may happen.

I. THE LORD HAS GIVEN HIS SIGN OF "GOD WITH US" (7:3-25)

- 1. The LORD promised Ahaz deliverance and challenged him to trust Him alone (7:3-9)
- 2. The LORD gave the sign of "Immanuel" for deliverance and judgment (7:10-25)
- *When the LORD gives you an aid to strengthen your faith in Him, don't refuse it.

II. THE LORD HAS VALIDATED FINAL DELIVERANCE BY "GOD WITH US" (8:1-22)

1. The near-term fulfillment of "Immanuel" for Judah confirms final deliverance (8:1-10)

2. God warns His people to trust Him alone and keep to His revelation (8:11-22)

*Hold fast to the message of God's Word and hope in Him alone.

III. THE LORD HAS RAISED UP THE SON WHO IS FULLY "GOD WITH US" (9:1-7)

- 1. God will transform His people Israel from gloom to joy in His presence (9:1-3)
- 2. God will bring this transformation about through the royal Son who is God with us (9:4-7a)
- 3. God guarantees this by His burning passion (9:7b)

*Rejoice that the LORD has sent His own Son as the Christ. Set your hope in His promised rule of peace, justice, and righteousness.