

O Come, Immanuel!

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Isaiah 7, 9.

B. On the fulfillment of this prophesy, all Christianity rests as a building upon its foundation.

II. Important things in the passage.

A. The prophet is commanded to bring his son along with him, named Shiar Joshua—"a remnant will return."

B. The prophet is told where to stand when he was to deliver his message—at the end of the conduit of the proper pool on the highway to fuller's field.

C. He was told to inform the kings that they had nothing to fear from the kings because within sixty-five years the kings of the kingdom will have been taken away.

III. These prophecies have cryptic meanings.

A. The direction the prophet was to stand was where the upward way of cleansing meets the channel of blessing of the Most High. The place where the virgin gave birth is the channel of blessing and the place of cleansing.

B. The sign of the virgin birth.

1. The scope of the sign was very broad—it had world shaping importance.

2. The prophesy was directed towards all the people.

3. The word "virgin" can mean either a young woman or an unmarried virgin. However, "young woman" is weak because it does not constitute a sign. This is the next step in the fulfillment of Eve's descendent crushing Satan. (Genesis 3:15)

C. The appearance of the great light.

1. Jesus was the great light that showed in these lands.

2. He preached His great messages and did many of His great works there.

D. Isaiah links the first and second coming of Jesus—the suffering and the glory.

E. The Messiah is clearly identified as a divine being through the words "wonderful counselor" (Judges), "mighty God," Father of eternity and "Prince of Peace."

Application questions:

1. How does this passage written 700 years before the Messiah tell us of Jesus?

2. Which sign stands out to you? Explain.

3. Is Jesus' divinity demonstrated by this passage? Defend your answer.
