

Community Group Question Guide

Series: **Isaiah Part 2 – Chapters 6-12 – Hope In The Midst of Doom**

7:1-8:8 – **What Will He Find?**

- read verses 1-9 of Isaiah 7 together
- what is the setting / tension of this scene – why?
- The House of David is Judah / Jerusalem – Israel’s southern kingdom – Ahaz is king
- Ephraim represents the Northern kingdom – Israel. With whom have they allied against their southern brothers?
- God promises to care for & protect Judah: detail everything he gives to Isaiah to say to the king
- What is the bottom line exhortation God gives to Ahaz?
- read verses 10-25 of Isaiah 7
- God gives Ahaz the opportunity to ask for any assurance. How does Ahaz respond? Good? Bad? Why?
- Isaiah is pretty upset w/ Ahaz. What unilateral promise from God does he give? Why would he do this when Jesus is still ~700 years away? (hint: is he really just talking to Ahaz?)
- based on the poetic & metaphorical words of 16-25, what is going to happen to the land and people of Judah because of their refusal to trust in YHWH? Did this happen? If so, what were the circumstances? (hint: think about the ~600 years leading up to Jesus – the land and the people)
- read chapter 8:1-8
- don’t be concerned about the difficult names & images for now
- but do answer this: who will stop Israel & Syria from threatening Judah?
- even so, what are the consequences for Judah for refusing to worship & trust God?
- look carefully at V8: will Judah be destroyed? Will God abandon them? What makes you think yes or no?
- end your time asking the Lord to show you your areas of unbelief – areas in life where you trust your own wisdom and plans versus His.
- What does He find in you? Acknowledge and confess.
- How do you long to be transformed? Ask the Lord to do that work in you.