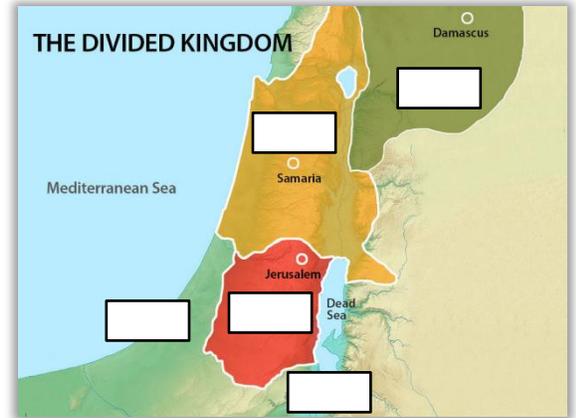


# Isaiah

## Lesson 4

### Isaiah 7:1, 2 *Shaken!*

1. War breaks out when King Rezin of Aram (Syria) and King Pekah of Israel (Ephraim) attack King Ahaz of Judah. Since Aram and Israel weren't able to overpower Jerusalem (7:1), you'd think the people would have been encouraged. Why were they shaking in fear (7:2)? (cf. 2 Chronicles 28:5-8)



2. Edom and Philistia also attacked Judah at this time. Why was King Ahaz of Judah having so many problems? (cf. 2 Chronicles 28:1-4, 19, 23-25)
3. Agree or disagree? Explain. Whenever we undergo difficulty, it's because we have forsaken the Lord.

### Isaiah 7:3-7 *Who Ya Gonna Call?*

4. King Ahaz of Judah was frightened that King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel would return to finish off the job of removing him from power. He needed help!  
Where should he have looked for help?

Where did he look for help?

5. What are some areas of your life in which you could better trust the Lord rather than rely on yourself or others?

### **Isaiah 7:10-15 A Sign**

6. Explain: God's patience with King Ahaz was truly extra-ordinary, and so is his patience with us. (List at least three examples for each.)
7. God gave King Ahaz a sign whether he wanted one or not. "*The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel [God with us]*" (Isaiah 7:14).

How was this a sign of grace?

How was this a sign of judgment?

### **Isaiah 8:1-10 More than You Bargained for**

8. Isaiah was supposed to name his next son "Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz" which means "quick to the plunder, swift to the spoil" (or perhaps we would simply call him: "Rapid Raider"). The boy was to be a walking advertisement of what Assyria would do to the northern kingdom of Israel and to Syria, enemies of King Ahaz and Judah. That was good! But what, according to Isaiah 8:6-8, wasn't so good?
9. In response to the news, Isaiah cries: "O Immanuel!" (Isaiah 8:8) How do verses 9 and 10 demonstrate that this was not the "Oh my God!" people spew forth today without much thought?

### **Isaiah 8:11-22 Show the Right Kind of Fear**

10. How does God confront his people in this section? (Isaiah 8:11-22)

How does he comfort them?

11. Which verse or verses from Isaiah 8 are worth sticking on your fridge? Why?