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When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

<sup>2</sup>Now the house of David was told, "Aram has allied itself with Ephraim"; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

*Isaiah 7:1-2*

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Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”  
<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”

*Isaiah 7:11-12*

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Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, <sup>16</sup> for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

*Isaiah 7:14-16*

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The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”

*Isaiah 7:17*

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### The four mountain-peaks of Isaiah

8<sup>th</sup> Century B.C  
Judah/Jerusalem



5<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century B.C  
Exile/return



1<sup>st</sup> century A.D  
Messiah



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New creation



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All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

*Matthew 1:22-23*

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“The real, underlying flaw in your life, MacKenzie, is that you don’t think I am good. If you knew I was good and that everything—the means, the ends, and all the processes of individual lives—is all covered by my goodness, then while you might not always understand what I am doing, you would trust me. But you don’t...MacKenzie, you cannot produce trust, just as you cannot “do” humility. It either is or is not. Trust is the fruit of a relationship in which you know you are loved. Because you do not know that I love you, you *cannot* trust me.”

-- *The Shack*  
William P. Young

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“There is One who cares for you. His eye is fixed on you, his heart beats with pity for your woe, and his omnipotent hand shall yet bring you the needed help...He has never refused to bear your burdens, he has never fainted under their weight. Come then, soul, be done with fretful care, and leave all your concerns in the hand of a gracious God.”

*Charles Spurgeon*

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