**Revelation in Isaiah**

Book Study of Isaiah

**Chapters 6-7**

**New King James Version: Isaiah Chapters 6-7**

**6**In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. **2**Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3**And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy *is* the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

**4**And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

**5**So I said:

“Woe *is* me, for I am undone!
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts.”

**6**Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. **7**And he touched my mouth *with it,* and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away,
And your sin purged.”

**8**Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?”

Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.”

**9**And He said, “Go, and tell this people:

‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

**10**“Make the heart of this people dull,
And their ears heavy,
And shut their eyes;
Lest they see with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And return and be healed.”

**11**Then I said, “Lord, how long?”

And He answered:

“Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant,
The houses are without a man,
The land is utterly desolate,
**12**The Lord has removed men far away,
And the forsaken places *are* many in the midst of the land.
**13**But yet a tenth *will be* in it,
And will return and be for consuming,
As a terebinth tree or as an oak,
Whose stump *remains* when it is cut down.
So the holy seed *shall be* its stump.”

**7**Now it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to *make* war against it, but could not prevail against it. **2**And it was told to the house of David, saying, “Syria’s forces are deployed in Ephraim.” So his heart and the heart of his people were moved as the trees of the woods are moved with the wind.

**3**Then the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go out now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-Jashub your son, at the end of the aqueduct from the upper pool, on the highway to the Fuller’s Field, **4**and say to him: ‘Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear or be fainthearted for these two stubs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and the son of Remaliah. **5**Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have plotted evil against you, saying, **6**“Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves, and set a king over them, the son of Tabel”— **7**thus says the Lord God:

“It shall not stand,
Nor shall it come to pass.
**8**For the head of Syria *is* Damascus,
And the head of Damascus *is* Rezin.
Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken,
*So that it will* not *be* a people.
**9**The head of Ephraim *is* Samaria,
And the head of Samaria *is* Remaliah’s son.
If you will not believe,
Surely you shall not be established.” ’ ”

**The Immanuel Prophecy**

**10**Moreover the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying, **11**“Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above.”

**12**But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, nor will I test the Lord!”

**13**Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? **14**Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

**Prophecy Fulfilled: Matt 1:23, Luke 1:31, John 1:45**

**15**Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. **16**For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings. **17**The Lord will bring the king of Assyria upon you and your people and your father’s house—days that have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah.”

**18**And it shall come to pass in that day
*That* the Lord will whistle for the fly
That *is* in the farthest part of the rivers of Egypt,
And for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.
**19**They will come, and all of them will rest
In the desolate valleys and in the clefts of the rocks,
And on all thorns and in all pastures.

**20**In the same day the Lord will shave with a hired razor,
With those from beyond the River, with the king of Assyria,
The head and the hair of the legs,
And will also remove the beard.

**21**It shall be in that day
*That* a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep;
**22**So it shall be, from the abundance of milk they give,
That he will eat curds;
For curds and honey everyone will eat who is left in the land.

**23**It shall happen in that day,
*That* wherever there could be a thousand vines
*Worth* a thousand *shekels* of silver,
It will be for briers and thorns.
**24**With arrows and bows *men* will come there,
Because all the land will become briers and thorns.

**25**And to any hill which could be dug with the hoe,
You will not go there for fear of briers and thorns;
But it will become a range for oxen
And a place for sheep to roam.

**The Passion Translation: Isaiah Chapters 6-7**

**6**In the year that King Uzziah died, I clearly saw the Lord. He was seated on his exalted throne, towering high above me. His long, flowing robe *of splendor* spread throughout the temple. **2**Standing above him were the angels of flaming fire, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces *in reverence,* with two wings they covered their feet, and with two wings they flew. **3**And one called out to another, saying:

    “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God,
    Commander of Angel Armies!
    The whole earth is filled with his glory!”

**4**The thunderous voice of the fiery angels caused the foundations of the thresholds to tremble as the cloud of glory filled the temple!

**5**Then I *stammered and* said, “Woe is me! I’m destroyed—doomed as a sinful man! For my words are tainted and I live among people who talk the same way. King Yahweh, Commander of Angel Armies! My eyes have gazed upon him!”

**6**Then *out of the smoke,* one of the angels of fire flew to me. He had in his hands a burning coal he had taken from the altar with tongs. **7**He touched my lips with it and said, “See? The burning coal from the altar has touched your lips. Your guilt is taken away; your sin is blotted out.”

**8**Then I heard the Lord saying, “Whom should I send *to my people?* Who will go to represent us?”

I spoke up and said, “I will be the one. Send me.”

**9**Then he said, “Go and tell the people:
    ‘You keep listening but understand nothing.
    You keep watching but learn nothing.’
**10**Go and preach a message that will make their hearts dull,
    their ears plugged, and their eyes blind.
    Otherwise, their eyes will begin to see,
    their ears will begin to hear,
    their hearts will begin to understand,
    and they will return to me for healing and be healed.”
**11**Then I asked, “O Lord, for how long?”
    He answered,
    “Until their houses and cities are destroyed and uninhabited
    and their land a desolate wasteland.
**12**Until the Lord has exiled them all to a distant country
    and the entire land lies deserted.”
**13**Yet if even a tenth remains there,
    it will be burned again.
    It will be like a fallen oak or terebinth tree when it is felled;
    the stump still lives to grow again.
    Now, the “stump” is the holy seed.

**7**During the reign of Ahaz, the son of Jotham and grandson of Uzziah, two kings launched an attack against Jerusalem: Rezin, the king of Syria, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel. But they failed to conquer it.

**2**When the royal court was told that Syria had formed an alliance with *the northern kingdom of* Israel, the heart of King Ahaz and all his people trembled with fear, like trees swaying in the wind.

**3**Then Yahweh spoke to Isaiah and said, “Go and meet with King Ahaz. You’ll find him on the road to the Washerman’s Field at the end of the aqueduct where it empties into the upper pool. Take with you your son, *whom you named* a Remnant Will Return. **4**Give him this message: ‘Stay calm! Be quiet and guard your heart! Don’t panic or be discouraged over these two smoldering stubs of firewood, because of the rage of Rezin and Aram the son of Remaliah. **5**Syria has plotted with the northern kingdom of Israel and the son of Remaliah to come against you. **6**They are saying, “We will attack Judah and cut off Jerusalem—we will terrorize and conquer it for ourselves and install the son of Tabeel as king!”’”

**7**Now hear what the Lord Yahweh says:
    “They will not succeed—it will never happen!
**8**For the head of Syria is Damascus,
    and the head of Damascus is Rezin.
    Sixty-five years from now the northern kingdom of Israel
    will be shattered, with nothing left of it.
**9**The head of the northern kingdom of Israel is Samaria,
    and the head of Samaria is the son Remaliah.
    If you do not stand firm in your faith,
    you will not be able to stand at all!”

**10**Again Lord Yahweh spoke to Ahaz:

**11**“Go ahead—ask for a sign from Yahweh, your God. Ask for something big, so miraculous *that you will know only God did it!”*

**12**Ahaz answered, “I will not ask. I won’t attempt to test the Lord Yahweh.”

**13**So Isaiah said, “Pay attention, family of David. It’s bad enough to try the patience of a prophet but even worse when you try the patience of my God as well! **14**The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold—the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will name him God Among Us. **15**He will eat curdled milk and honey, and he will know enough to refuse the evil and choose the good. **16**Yet even before that time comes for him to know good and evil, the lands of those two kings you dread will be deserted.

**17**“The Lord Yahweh is going to bring days of catastrophic trouble—on you, on your people, and on the whole royal court—not seen since the northern kingdom of Israel broke off from Judah. He is going to bring the king of Assyria *with his great army!”*

**18**In that day, the Lord Yahweh will whistle and call for flies from Egypt’s lower streams. He will whistle for bees from the land of Assyria, **19**and they will swarm *down upon* you and settle into the steep ravines, the crevices of the rocks, on every thorn bush and at every *stagnant* pool.

**20**In that day, the Lord will take his “razor,” the hired king of Assyria from beyond the Euphrates, and he will shave your head, your legs, and also your beard, *leaving you ashamed and exposed!*

**21**In that day, *if* a farmer keeps alive only one heifer and two goats, **22**they will give so much milk that he will have more than he needs. And everyone left in the land will have all the milk and honey *they desire.*

**23**In that day, the fine vineyards, each with a thousand vines and worth a thousand pieces of silver, will be a wilderness overgrown with weeds, briars, and thorn bushes. **24**People will hunt there with bow and arrow but will find nothing except thorn bushes and briars! **25**The once-cultivated hillsides where vineyards used to grow will be completely overgrown with thorns so that people will be afraid to go there. It will become a place where cattle graze and sheep trample.

 **Notes on Isaiah Chapter 6-7** are a conglomerate of my own summary and the footnotes/commentary from the following: *The Passion Translation of Isaiah, The Perry Stone Hebraic Prophetic Bible, Come With Me Through Isaiah* by David Pawson.

6:1 – King Uzziah (aka Azariah in 2 Kings) is believed to be related to Isaiah. Tradition states that Isaiah was the nephew of Uzziah’s father, King Amaziah. So, Isaiah and Uzziah were probably first cousins. Isaiah, obviously, is much younger in age than Uzziah.

Uzziah was a righteous king before God.

2 Chronicles 26:3-5, 10-23

So Isaiah’s vision comes at the end of one of the most righteous, peaceful, prosperous and successful kings of Judah since David and Solomon. All of a sudden, the future of Israel is uncertain as righteous kings do not seem to be on the horizon.

During this moment, right after Judah has lost a great king, and is facing an uncertain future, Isaiah sees THE KING, on his throne.

6:2 – This is the only place the actual word *seraphim* is used in the bible. It means “burning ones”. These spiritual beings are burning in the presence of God as they are constantly revealed the glory and holiness of God.

 Jewish commentators speak of this three-fold repetition of the word *holy* as a reference to the way God manifests His glory 1) in heaven 2) in this world 3) in the ages to come. We also see the triune God being praised as **Holy!** Father, **Holy!** Son, and **Holy!** Spirit.

6:5 - And immediately he recognizes he is unclean. Remember his cousin, Uzziah was unclean before the Lord in His temple and became leprous, Isaiah is very aware of God’s judgements even to the righteous. Yet Isaiah is cleansed before the presence of God, while Uzziah became leprous.

* The Seven Woes of Isaiah
	+ 5:8 – Woe to those greed, covet for earthly wealth
	+ 5: 11- Woe to those follow intoxicating drink
	+ 5:18 – Woe to those in bondage to their iniquity and vanity
	+ 5:20 – Woe to those deceived calling evil good, and good evil
	+ 5:21 – Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes. Prideful
	+ 5:22 – Woe to those who are corrupt, taking away justice from the righteous
	+ 6:5 – Woe is ME! A sinful man, pierced through with unclean lips (Rom 3:23, Rom 6:23)

Isaiah’s last woe was upon himself realizing his own sin. The uncleanness of his own words and mouth. Convicted by the Holiness of God and the Fear of the Lord, he realizes he has no chance to stand before God.

6:6-7 – This seraphim, which is on fire, burning because of presence of God, takes a coal from the altar to bring to Isaiah. This spirit that is burning, comes with the Holy Spirit of burning (Isaiah 4) to cleanse Isaiah. The altar represents the sacrifice required for this to happen.

6:10 Isaiah gets one of the most disheartening messages to release to the people of Judah. He was to keep speaking, but already told they will not hear lest they be healed. Isaiah’s responds naturally, “How long, Lord, will they not hear me?”

Yet Isaiah’s yes was immediate, “Here am I! Send me.”

6:13 – The stump, again we see the continuous trend and language of God since Isaiah chapter 4, where we read the first ever usage of the term, The Branch. The Branch shoots out of the stump of the Lord, from the desolate vineyard of God (chapter 5) and yet a remnant shall be kept (chapter 6). This stump shall be the holy seed, and bring forth the Messiah.

7:1 King Ahaz – he is the grandson of King Uzziah. The divided northern kingdom of Israel has allied itself with Syria to subdue southern Judah and place it under their governance. Ahaz was a very unrighteous king of Judah.

2 Chronicles 28:1-5,16-20, 22-27

 Ahaz was one of the worst Kings of Judah, yet here we see from the voice of Isaiah he had the living God standing by, ready to help him overcome if he would turn from his ways, trust the Lord and not the powers of men. Believe the unseen realm versus what your eyes can see.

7:3 – Shear-Jashub, Isaiah’s first born son, his name literally means “a remnant shall return”. The holy stump, the holy seed, the promise that God will never totally remove His people or His covenant promises. He always makes a way for His people.

 Shear-Jashub was to be brought with Isaiah as a prophetic sign and reminder in front of the King of Judah as a witness. Yahweh, THE KING, will protect and stand by His people. There will always be a way out of the imminent danger by surrounding enemies.

 Shear-Jashub was a walking oracle of hope! The promise was in his name. We shall this again with Isaiah’s other son he names in chapter 8.

7:9 – Implied is the head of Judah is Jerusalem, and the head Jerusalem is you, King Ahaz. Notice how God views his delegated authority. The head of every nation is one city, and the head of the city is a man. How they govern and what they decree matters immensely with their authority. Just as Jesus is the head of the Body of Christ, Men are head of the body in marriage, parents are head of the body of their family.

 TPT – “If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all!”

7:11 – Ahaz’s response is a prime example of false humility. Maybe even an answer we would think is right. But God told him to test him, so he is actually not being obedient.

“He said, ‘*I will not put the Lord to the test.*’ That sounds pious and very fine, but when God tells you to put Him to the proof you should do so…We should not normally ask God to prove himself, we should take God by faith. But when He tells us to ask for a sign, we should ask, it is disobedience not to.” – *Come With Me Through Isaiah*, David Pawson, pg 59

 The reason Ahaz did not ask, is because he probably did not want to have to believe God. Yet God gives Ahaz a sign anyway.

7:14 – Reading of *Come with Me Through Isaiah*, David Pawson, pages 60, 61-63

“The first problem about this is that the word rendered ‘virgin’ sometimes translated as young woman, is an ambiguous word. In Hebrew it can mean any of three different things. It can mean someone who is a virgin, who has never had relations with a man; it can mean someone of marriageable age, a young maiden; it can mean a married woman who keeps her age so well that she still looks as if she was courting.

Next I want you to notice a most surprising thing in this verse. It is the mother who will name the child. Yet in Israel it was the father who named a child. Isaiah named all his children…

One of the puzzling things about prophesy, until you are onto it, is this; predictions in the Old Testament often have a double meaning – they are often fulfilled twice, once in the immediate future and once in the ultimate future, and the promise covers both. We will come across this again in Isaiah. It is as if the prophet, looking through his telescope into the future, saw two events together. This is undoubtedly what has happened here.

Let me take the first fulfilment, in the days of Ahaz. It was not a virgin birth; it was simply a woman of marriageable age. And undoubtedly the ambiguity of the word means that the first fulfilment was a natural birth of a woman of marriageable age. Who was she? Some have thought that it was Isaiah’s wife and that Immanuel was his own son, but the way he talks of him indicates that it is not that. Others have thought that the woman is Abijah and the son Hezekiah, the king who came later, but I don not think that is really supported by scripture. I can only give you my guess, for what it is worth. We know that Ahaz had a harem, that he had wives and concubines; he should not have done but he had. In the royal palace in Jerusalem there were a number of young women, not wives but young women of marriageable age who were his concubines, and they were the only women in that ancient society who gave the names to their own sons, as they were not wives. The text clearly implies that it was a women within the royal palace, a young woman of marriageable age. And the word used is the exact word used of women in a harem.

So Isaiah is saying to Ahaz that a young woman in his court would conceive and have a son, and when Ahaz asked her what she had called the child she would say, ‘Immanuel’. Before the child reached the age of moral responsibility, Syria and Damascus would have gone, and that would be the proof of the timetable of sixty-five years. We have no details of that fulfilment. We have lost sight of the girl and the son she bore. But no doubt there came a day when Ahaz would have seen this fulfilled, and Damascus, the capital of Syria, would be ruined; Samaria, the capital of Israel, would be ruined. By 722 BC both of those capital cities had indeed been ruined, so we can almost date the birth of this boy Immanuel. That was the immediate fulfilment of the prediction. It was in the days of Ahaz. It was a natural birth of an unmarried woman, a concubine in the royal household, with a boy whom she called Immanuel and this was the sign because God had led her to call him by that name and Ahaz would have the proof he refused to ask for.

But now let us look at it again. As the years passed following the death of Ahaz, the Jews used to read this passage again and again. Whenever they read this verse they began to see a double meaning in it. If I can just give you two Hebrew word here, the Hebrew word *betulah* means a virgin, but that is not the word used here. The word used here is *almah*, which means either a virgin or a woman of marriageable age or a married woman who looks as if she were still unmarried. It is an ambiguous word, and long after the days Ahaz the Jews noticed it could have a double meaning: ‘virgin’ as well as ‘young maiden’. They began to realize that God had hidden within this verse a double prediction. Five hundred years after Isaiah, two hundred and fifty years before Jesus Christ was born, seventy Jewish scholars in Egypt set out to take the whole Old Testament and translate it from the Hebrew into the Greek language. (the Septuagint)

When they came to this verse they chose from Greek a word that can only mean *virgin*, for the original fulfilment had come and gone and second fulfilment was still ahead, so for the second fulfilment they took the other meaning of the word, *virgin*, and they translated it into Greek: a virgin shall conceive. There would be a supernatural birth, the second fulfilment. They saw in the name now not a literal name but the nature of the child. The child was to be God with us, the child was to be God. So the sign was not just to be the child’s name but the child’s nature. It was that second prediction which was fulfilled in Bethlehem. The first child was a sign that God the Father was with Israel, the second was a sign that God the Son was now with us…”

7:16 – This prophecy of Isaiah about Syria and Israel being defeated before Judah, was fulfilled when the Assyrian Empire conquered first Syria in 732 BC, then the northern kingdom of Israel in 722BC. The kingdom of Judah took many losses over the years, but was never fully conquered until the Babylonian conquest in 597 B.C.

7:18-19 – “The invading armies are like a *fly*. The Hebrew word for *fly* is *zebwub* and is an unusually large fly, larger than a bee, whose head is large and whose upper jaw and lip are sharp… When these flies punctured the skin of animals the wound produced a boil, causing swelling. When cattle and other animals heard the noise of flies, they would run, leaving behind their food or water. Isaiah compares the coming army to the flies and warns that the Assyrians would bring destruction and only leave a remnant in the land.” – *The Perry Stone Hebraic Prophetic Study Bible*, pg 1042 footnote

7:20 – “*hired razor”*, God calls out the prophesies to Ahaz the razor that you hired to shave the captives of your enemies, Syria and Israel, shall not help you but instead that same hired razor will be used against you.