

stout heart of the king of Assyria and the glory of ~~his~~ his high lips." The king of Assyria is going to be punished before there is any destruction actually coming to Jerusalem, even though the rest of Jerusalem suffers tremendously as a result of Ahaz's act.

Now in chapter 8. Chapter 7 gave us this picture of how soon there is going to be a destruction of the king of Assyria and the king of Israel by the time that a child reaches the point of being able to make fairly simple decisions. Now in ~~chapter 8~~ chapter 8 we have different child told of. It is a little later. "The Lord said to me, take a great pen, write with it a man's name concerning Manersha^rhasbab, that is the name. Hasten the duty, hurry the spoil, the word ~~means~~ means. It is the name to be given to 'saiah's son. We read, "I went to the prophetess and she conceived and bare a son and then said the Lord unto me, call his name "hasten the duty", "hurry the spoil", what an awful name for a poor little boy to have. A little boy is to be a sign to the people. Every time they see him. I would probably abbreviate it to Mahaar, but when they properly spoke of him they would say . "Hasten the duty; hurry the spoil. The reason they gave the little boy this name is that before the child will have learned to cry my father and my mother (now that sounds quite dignified in English but the Hebrew is simply "ave" and "ini", the simplest little words-- daddy and mommy) Before the child has knowledge to say these simple words, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria. Again a sign given of a brief period before the complete end of this menace, the of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria taken away before the king of Assyria. Then he goes on telling in the next few verses how God is bringing punishment upon the land for this wickedness alliance with the king of Assyria and he says the Lord will bring upon them in verse 7 "the ~~stars~~ waters of the rivers, strong and mighty, and the king of Assyria ⁱⁿ and all his glory. That, of course, is what Ahaz is looking forward to. *end of 96.*