

Survey of Isa. 7-12, 28-35

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see how they fit together and to see what the insights are that are so impt. for us in them. And so we won't linger over the problems of ch. 7. There is a great deal in ch. 7 that is absolutely clear that most people know nothing about, and is more impt. I think than fussing about one or two problems in it that get a great amt. of attention.

So ch. 7 ==The Syro-Ephramitic Invasions, Isa. 7:1-9,16; 8:3-4; 9:8-11. I think we'll just look at those vs. first, and then look at the others and the gen. teaching of the passage.

First in relation to the Syro-Ephramitic Invasion. Vs.1=2 I have already read to you. They make clear the time to which this refers. To understand to details of it you have to go to Kings and Chron. Then we have vs. 3 = Then said the Lord to Isa, Go forth to meet Ahaz, thou and S.J. thy son, at the end of the conduit, the upper pool of the highway of the fullers field. Now why did I/~~say~~ Isa. have to go to a place like that? Why could not he go to the palace and see Ahaz? There are two reasons: One reason is that Ahaz was not interested in Isaiah. Ahaz was hostile to Isa. Ahaz was intersted in his political schemes, and not interested in the Lord except as religion might be used as a tool for him. So Ahaz == Isa. had no access to Ahaz. Isa. could go right in and talk to Hezekiah any time he wanted. In fact Hezek. would send for him. Hezek. was a Godly king, but Ahaz was not. And when Ahaz was king the only way to see Ahaz was to catch him when he was in some place where he simply could not brush you aside. Now there is a second reason for his going there : God is ~~send~~ sending Isa. to speak to Ahaz, but more than that he is sending him to speak to the people. And so it wise to have him speak at a place where a grt. no. of people can hear and pass on to others what they hear, and where Ahaz can't simply stop him. If he goes into the palace and starts to talk, it's very easy for Ahaz to say to one of his attendants, Throw this man out. I haven't got time to bother with him. But evidently now Ahaz is now on a ~~defensive~~ defiance inspection. He is trying to be sure that the defences around Jerus. will be absolutely safe. And so he is doing this, and