

We had a very small period of time until the child can make simple choices, now we have a still smaller period of time until this other child, Isaiah's own child is able to, is able just to say these simple words. Within that time, Damascus and Smaria will both have been overrun by the king of of Assyria. So Isa. makes these predictions about the destruction of the Syro-Ephramitic invasion, and in ch. 8-11 he speaks ---ch. 9 I mean -- vs 8-11 he speaks about the/~~people~~ people of Samaria == Ephraim. The Lord sent a word to Jacob and it lighted upon Israel and all the people shall know it . . . . That say in the pride and stoutness of their heart, The bricks have fallen down but we will build with stones . . . . Wonderful spirit if you are serving the Lord. We've had destruction, ~~but~~ of what we have had, but we are going to build something a lot better. But for those who are defying the Lord it is merely a sign of arrogance. He says, you have this idea you are going to succeed this way, therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of Resin against him and join his enemies together." God is going to overcome the Syrians and the Ephraimites. So that is a theme that runs through this whole section. But another theme that runs through it, ~~is~~ the alliance with Assyrian, evidently a secret allinace that Ahaz is making but the people don't yet know about it, and in 7:20 Isa. says, IN the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, na mely by those of Mesopotamia and beyond the river, by the k. of Assyrian, the ..... shall also consume the beard." This shows Ahaz that Isa. knows about his secret plot in hiring T.P. Ahaz says, How does Isa. have any idea of this arrangement that I have. How does he know that? But here is this definite reference to it in 7:20. And in 8:9-12 we have further reference to it. He says, Associate yourselves together all ye people...Make you alliance with Assyria, but you'll be broken to pieces. Give ear all ye all ye of far countries, ye shall be broken to pieces. Take counsel together.....shall not stand. For the Lord spake . . . instructed me I should not walk in the way of this people. Say ye not a confereracy, neither fear ye their fear nor be afraid."