

God With Us: Our Hope

Isaiah 7:1-17; Matthew 1:18-23

King Ahaz (Isaiah 7:1-17)

A. The Crisis (7:1-9)

King Ahaz (**2 Chronicles 28:1-4**)

Coalition between Syria and Israel – threat of
Assyrian invasion

Shear Jashub (**Isaiah 10:20-21**)

B. The Sign: Immanuel (vs. 10-17)

“I will be with you” has always been a promise of the presence of God to individuals and to His people when they are faced with circumstances that they cannot overcome on their own.” **Psalms 46:7**

Joseph and Mary (Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:28)

A. Joseph vs. Ahaz

- 1) Joseph believed the promise, Ahaz did not.
- 2) Joseph was in the habit of looking to God, Ahaz was in the habit of looking to idols
- 3) Joseph was prepared to look past the immediate circumstances to God’s promised future, Ahaz was not
- 4) Joseph trusted the promise enough to obey, Ahaz didn’t trust the promise and tried to take control of his own security

B. God with Us – the continuation

Matthew 28:18-20 -

John 14:16-17 –

Rev. 21:3 –

C. What does Emmanuel, “God with us” mean to you?

What does Hope Look Like?

A. What is hope?

Hope is a certain, confident expectation and desire for something good in the future.

B. 5 things about hope

1. Hope looks to the future (**Rom. 8:24-25**) –

2. Hope lightens the dark –

3. Hope is infectious (**1 Peter 3:15**) –

4. Hope is healing –

5. Hope purifies (**1 John 3:2-3**) –

C. A picture of hope

1. The Anchor (**Hebrews 6:19,20**)

2. Anchor/cross