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The Birth of Immanuel

8:1 to 9:7



This section is closely related to the previous chapter. It concerns the same event, namely, the deliverance from the Syria-**Isra'el** alliance, and the subsequent **Assyrian** invasion that would eventually extend to **Judah**. **Chapter 7:1-25** included several negatives - **Ahaz's** rejection of **God's** Word through **Isaiah**, **Ahaz's** continued unbelief, and the difficult times that would come to **Judah**. This section, from **8:1** to **9:7**, focuses on a positive note; **the nation** would be delivered and this deliverance would picture another **Deliverer**, who will bring an even greater deliverance in the future.³⁰ Here, **Isaiah** calls us to believe that **God** is at work in human history. **He** calls us to trust in **Him** to work **all things for the good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)**. We don't need to worry about current events. This is not to say we should take no interest in them, but rather we shouldn't be overwhelmed with anxiety about them. We should focus on our relationship with **ADONAI** and pleasing **Him**. Then we can walk in confidence.