

Theme: God's promise to be with us, which was typified by many people and events in the Old Testament, is ultimately fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who is Immanuel, God with us.

## I. Intro – Review of Isaiah 7-9

- A. Isaiah made grave prophecy in chapter 7
- B. He reiterates in 8:1-10
- C. In all three chapters the birth of a child central
- D. Who is this child? More than one child?

## II. A Virgin Conceives - The Meaning of Almah

- A. A virgin will conceive - Isaiah 7:14
  - 1. Virgin will conceive - NIV and most translations
  - 2. Young woman will conceive - RSV
  - 3. Hebrew words almah and bethulah
    - a. Similar words; some say almah not virgin
    - b. However Gen 24:43 - almah=virgin
    - c. Generally young unmarried women = virgin!
    - d. LXX - translated almah as parthenos - virgin
    - e. Matthew 1:23 - quotes LXX, clearly virgin
- B. Conclusion: Almah can be a virgin

## III. Children - And THE Child

- A. Isaiah's children in these passages

- 1. The time element in 7:14-17
- 2. Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz - Isaiah 8:3-4
- 3. Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz - Isaiah 8:7-10
- 4. Isaiah and children signs from God - Isa. 8:18
- 5. Isaiah's children seem to be a fulfillment
- B. Yet a greater Child will come
  - 1. A virgin will conceive (v14)
  - 2. The name Immanuel - GOD with us
  - 3. The names and nature of this Child (9:6-7)
    - a. Isaiah's children and Hezekiah can NOT fulfill
    - b. Looks to a Divine Child - GodMan
- C. The nature of biblical types and shadows
  - 1. This is common in OT - type awaits Reality
  - 2. Abraham's seed - Gen 12:7; Gal 3:16
  - 3. Prophets & Prophet - Deu 18:15-19; Jn 1:45; Heb 1:1-2
- D. OT shadows point to Christ the Reality!!

## IV. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see how Christ is central focus of all?
  - 1. Do we read to see Him - or other characters?
  - 2. Is He a character in my movie, or vice-versa?

3. Living all of life for Christ - not just spiritual

B. Do we see that in Christ God is with us?

1. Judah did not believe God was with them
2. Immanuel is the sign God is with them
3. Do we believe God is with us - no matter what?
4. Do we have faith in Him or fear of others?

C. Response: Communion - God With Us

1. Problem of our sin - 7 Pounds; Gran Torino
2. Solution - Immanuel - God With Us
3. Bread - He took flesh and lived for us
4. Wine - He shed blood and died for us
5. Bring your sin to Him

### The Sign of Immanuel - God With Us

Isaiah 7:13-17; 8:1-10; 9:1-7

Matthew 4:12-17

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Communion

2 Corinthians 13:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14 RSV

See, I am standing beside this spring; if a **maiden** comes out to draw water and I say to her, "Please let me drink a little water from your jar,"

Genesis 24:43

"The **virgin** will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."

Matthew 1:23

The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "**To your offspring I will give this land.**" So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Genesis 12:7

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

Galatians 3:16

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. 16 For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." 17 The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. 19 If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

John 1:45

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:1-2