

PROPHETS TOLD ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND PREPARATION

(For age-appropriate language, use the Bible story statements in the leader guide.)

The now allied armies of Israel and Syria had the nation of Judah surrounded and were planning an attack on them (Isaiah 7:1). From every human perspective, they were in danger of being destroyed. When the news reached the king of Judah, he and his people were terrified. In fact, Isaiah 7:2 says their hearts “trembled like trees of a forest shaking in the wind.” The king looked for ways to protect his people through any means necessary (2 Kings 16) when Isaiah brought a word from the Lord.

Isaiah’s prophecy contains one of the most well-known statements in the Bible. He tells the king, “the Lord himself will give you a sign: See, the virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.” And while we recognize the glorious promise of that verse in God sending Jesus for us, there was also a promise for the people of God in the days of Isaiah.

First, the prophecy reminds the people of God that He is with them. In addition, Isaiah tells the king there will be a son born to a woman who is not yet pregnant. He then states in Isaiah 7:15-16 that before that boy is old enough to know the difference between right and wrong, the two nations with which King Ahaz was so concerned would be no more. In other words, God tells the king not to worry about these other nations because He has everything under control.

What areas of your life are you concerned about right now? In what ways does it seem that you are surrounded without hope of escape? As you pray this week, tell God about those situations in your life. Ask Him to show you how He is in complete control of everything in your life.

TEACHER TIP

Follow your church’s security procedures for receiving and releasing babies to and from parents. Following these procedures helps parents feel more comfortable leaving their baby in your care.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

Jesus was born.

LIFE POINT

Prophets told about God’s plan to send a baby.

BIBLE PASSAGE

Isaiah 7:14; 9:5; 11:1-5;
Micah 5:2

BIBLE VERSE

God will send a child to be born.

Isaiah 7:14

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