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 - King Ahaz refuses to trust God’s promise given by Isaiah – the point of no return
 - The Lord gives an unusual, remarkable sign – the sign of “Immanuel” (7:14)

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¹⁷ The LORD will bring on you, on your people, and on your father’s house such days as have never come since the day that Ephraim separated from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

¹⁸ In that day the LORD will whistle for the fly that is in the remotest part of the rivers of Egypt and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. ¹⁹ They will all come and settle on the steep ravines, on the ledges of the cliffs, on all the thorn bushes and on all the watering places. (Isaiah 7:17-18)

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Isaiah 8:1-10

Then the LORD said to me, “Take for yourself a large tablet and write on it in ordinary letters: Maher-shalal-hash-baz.” ² And I will take to Myself faithful witnesses for testimony, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.” ³ So I approached the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. Then the LORD said to me, “Name him Maher-shalal-hash-baz; ⁴ for before the boy knows how to cry out ‘My father’ or ‘My mother,’ the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria.”

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⁵ Again the LORD spoke to me further, saying,
⁶ "Inasmuch as these people have rejected the gently
 flowing waters of Shiloah and rejoice in Rezin and the son
 of Remaliah; ⁷ "Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring
 on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates,
 even the king of Assyria and all his glory;
 and it will rise up over all its channels and go over all its
 banks. ⁸ "Then it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass
 through, it will reach even to the neck;
 and the spread of its wings will fill the breadth of your land,
 O Immanuel.

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⁹ "Raise an uproar, O peoples, and be shattered;
 And give ear, all remote places of the earth.
 Gird yourselves, yet be shattered;
 Gird yourselves, yet be shattered.
¹⁰ "Devise a plan, but it will be thwarted;
 State a proposal, but it will not stand,
 For God is with us."

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O Immanuel

1. The Judgment: *Immanuel's Land*
 - "speedy spoil, hasty plunder" – a sign of the Lord's soon coming judgment on Aram and Israel
 - the king Assyria will be the instrument of the Lord's judgment, *and will include Judah!*
 - the land belongs to "Immanuel" (a king), who is subject to the ruin brought by Judah's unbelief

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2. The Wider Application: *Immanuel's People*
 - the nations will destroy only themselves if they assail the people with whom God dwells (cf. Psalm 2:1-12)
 - in *Immanuel*, God Himself is present as the security of His people

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- The Meaning of Immanuel
 - "God is with us" to provide, to protect and to keep – nothing can ultimately be against us
 - the ultimate expression of Immanuel is in the person of Jesus, God in the flesh – in Him we are forever secure from death and judgment

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