

What is the Immanuel Prophecy all about?

Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel Chapter 7

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³ And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman^[b] shall conceive and bear^[c] a son, and shall call his name Imman’u-el.^[d] ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.
the fire.

Chapter 9

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called
“Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom,
to establish it, and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and for evermore.

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

Chapter 11

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall feed;
their young shall lie down together...
⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;

What do you feel these prophecies are about?

Some possibilities

1. The Syro Ephraimite Crisis 733-2?
2. Hopeful oracles about the emergence of King Hezekiah 715-687?
3. Hopeful oracles about the coming of a Messiah?
4. The birth of Jesus ?