

"If You Will Not Believe"

1. Who does “the house of David” refer to (v. 2)? Why were their hearts shaking like trees in the wind?
2. Why do you suppose Isaiah was to take his son Shear-jashub with him to meet King Ahaz (v. 3)? What response to Rezin and Pekah does the Lord counsel (v. 4)? Why does He call them “two stubs of smoldering firebrands”?
3. What reason does the Lord give for Ahaz not to fear the invading armies (v. 7-8)?
4. What is the role of faith in Ahaz’s victory (v. 9)? What role does it have in the Christian life?
5. Why does the Lord tell Ahaz to ask for a sign in verses 10-11? Why wasn’t Ahaz’s response a good one (v. 12-13)? How do we sometimes try God’s patience?
6. How was the sign in verse 14 fulfilled? What is the significance, do you suppose, of the Lord mentioning twice the time he will know to refuse evil and choose good (v. 15-16)?
7. Even though Ahaz does not need to fear Rezin and Pekah, what fate will come upon him and his people instead (v. 17)? What is the significance of the fly and the bee in verses 18-19?
8. How will the king of Assyria be like a razor to Judah (v. 20)? What would be the effect on a Jew to have his beard shaved off?
9. What is the significance of men only having a heifer and a pair of sheep in that day (v. 21-22)?
10. Why will there be so many briars and thorns after the Assyrians attack (v. 23-25)?