

Moving Toward Redemption, Part 4
Isaiah 8:1-17

- I. The Prophecy Goes Public (1-8)
 - A. The prophecy given in Isaiah 7 was to Ahaz
 - 1. The public probably knew nothing of it
 - 2. This is their first exposure to this message
 - B. Remember – escalating cycle: private to public is a form of escalation
 - C. Isaiah calls for two witnesses to the prophetic word (Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:5)
 - 1. Uriah, the priest – Ahaz’s trusted advisor
 - 2. Zechariah – Ahaz’s father-in-law
 - 3. Not Isaiah’s biggest fans or supporters
 - D. Birth of a child: Maher-shalal-hash-baz
 - 1. Means – hurry spoil; be swift plunder
 - 2. Both Damascus and Samaria will be plunder quickly
 - 3. From the birth of this son to the fall of these two kingdoms was less than 2 years from the giving of this prophecy
 - E. Public declaration of impending judgment
 - 1. Refused “gentle waters of Shiloah” – metaphor for the Lord and his covenant
 - 2. Receive “the River” of Assyria
 - a. All encompassing
 - b. Overwhelming
 - c. A cry to Immanuel for deliverance
- II. The Promise of Future Redemption (9-10)
 - A. You peoples – the foreign invaders
 - B. They are to be:

- 1. Broken, shattered
 - 2. Their counsel will come to nothing
 - 3. Their words will fail, because...
 - 4. GOD IS WITH US (Immanuel)
 - C. A remnant shall return!
- III. The Challenge To The Righteous (11-17)
 - A. Do not be fearful and trapped due to:
 - 1. The wickedness of the people
 - 2. The rumors of the people
 - B. Fear the Lord (of hosts)
 - 1. Honor Him
 - 2. Fear and dread Him
 - C. Why?
 - 1. He will become your sanctuary (holy place – the presence of God, which is where Jesus is: and has given us access by His blood
 - 2. Stone of offense & a rock of stumbling
 - a. Luke 2:34
 - b. Romans 9:32
 - c. 1 Peter 2:8
 - D. The testimony is bound up and the faithful in Isaiah’s day were waiting and hoping on the Lord – but the wait is over!