

# Immanuel, War and Peace

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Isaiah 7:10-16, 8:11-18, 9:6-7, 10:5-7, 15-17

**Intro:** Bethlehem and War

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

“Do You Hear What I Hear”

Lions of war are prowling, growling, devouring! ‘Get a bigger lion!’ CHS

**Point One:** Immanuel ~ God with Us, Jesus – is the supernatural answer of God for all man’s needs.

The Syro-Israel alliance; Egypt and Assyria roar in the distance. And God has given his people over. Isaiah’s two “sign” sons – Shearjashib and Mahershalahashbaz, or, “Only a remnant will be saved!” and “Spoil-soon-plunder-pronto”!

Immanuel and King Ahaz – See 2 Chronicles 28 for this king’s resume. Rejects the free offer from God’s hand

Immanuel Jesus is Himself greater than all the signs, miracles and wonders done by and around Him; the miracle of miracles, the Everlasting Wonder. His miraculous virgin birth and repeated name (8:8, 8:10)

**Point Two:** Two Choices - 8:11ff

Our Sanctuary – 8:14

Our Foundation – the Word of truth, 8:16, 20.

Our Light mixed with darkness – 17; Is. 50:11-12.

**Point Three:** Destruction or Life?

Devastation in the beginning of chapter 9 the wreckage left behind by the mighty Assyrians. 9:8 through 10:4, God’s anger is detailed against His people. See 9:12, 17, 21, 10:4. Assyria is the rod of God’s sovereign anger

The Mountain of the King! 9:6-7

- Wonderful Counsellor – tonight
- Mighty warrior God; Christ omnipotent to do His pleasure
- Everlasting Father; Christ omnipresent. Father of time and eternity
- Prince of Peace; putting down all warfare righteously; ultimately and presently.

Assyria’s demise: used by God to punish his people; but when they boast, he turns on them for their pride! See 10:24-25. All men apart from God lift themselves up; the same temptation as in the Garden – I shall be as god. See 10:5, 12-13a, 15.

“The Destruction of Sennecherib”

**Conclusion:** Whose eye? The eye of judgment or the eye of grace? Is this really a choice?