

Stop the Stumbling and Bumbling

Isaiah 8

1. Truth in _____ (v. 1-4)
 - a. A _____ name
 - b. _____ witnesses
 - c. _____ judgment
2. Truth Is _____ (v. 5-10)
 - a. Exposing Israel's _____
 - b. Bringing Assyria's _____
 - c. Sparing Immanuel's _____
 - d. Thwarting the people's _____
3. Truth and _____ (v. 11-23)
 - a. Regarding the _____
 - i. Fear of _____
 - ii. _____ and bumbling
 - iii. Seeking signs from the _____
 - iv. Looking to the _____
 - v. No more _____
 - b. Regarding the faithful _____
 - i. Fear of the _____
 - ii. A _____
 - iii. Seeking signs from the _____
 - iv. Looking to the _____
 - v. The _____ will come

“They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.” (1 Peter 2:8b)

For Further Study

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Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz

1. What does this name mean?
2. What was the point of getting witnesses to verify the writing? How long after the writing was Isaiah's son born?
3. How long after his birth would Assyria wreak havoc?
4. The waters of Shiloah that flow gently referred to a small stream that flowed from the Gishon to Jerusalem as a part of the water supply to the city and represented the LORD as a source of help. What did the “River” (likely the Euphrates) refer to? Which did Israel trust in? Ahaz?
5. Read Hebrews 10:31-11:1. What would faith have looked like if Ahaz had committed himself to the LORD?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What is similar to the sparing of Judah from Assyria in this passage?
7. Why would the plans of Judah's enemies be thwarted?

The Unfaithful in Judah and the Remnant

1. What are unbelievers afraid of? What would they call “conspiracies?” Read Proverbs 1:7 and Job 28:28. Discuss.
2. How could the presence of God be one thing to unbelievers and another to believers?
3. Read 1 Peter 2:4-8. What is the difference between the stone in Isaiah and in 1 Peter? Why do some stumble?
4. Why do people seek out mediums? Is the point of verse 19 different from praying to saints for intercession?
5. How do we inquire of God? “To the law and to the testimony” is an urgent call to the remnant? How vital is it to heed this call? Review 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and discuss.
6. How serious is the condition of the reprobate in verses 20-22? Compare this to those in Romans 1:18-32.