

Mighty God
His Name Shall Be Called Part 2 of 5
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Everywhere we turn, we see looming threats (Isaiah 7:1-9, 8:12-13)

Isaiah 7:1 CSB This took place during the reign of Ahaz, son of Jotham, son of Uzziah king of Judah: Aram's King Rezin and Israel's King Pekah son of Remaliah went to fight against Jerusalem, but they were not able to conquer it.

Isaiah 7:2 When it became known to the house of David that Aram had occupied Ephraim, the heart of Ahaz and the hearts of his people trembled like trees of a forest shaking in the wind.

Isaiah 7:3-4 The Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out with your son Shear-jashub to meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, by the road to the Launderer's Field. ⁴ Say to him: Calm down and be quiet. Don't be afraid or cowardly because of these two smoldering sticks, the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and the son of Remaliah.

Isaiah 7:5-9 For Aram, along with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has plotted harm against you. They say, ⁶ 'Let's go up against Judah, terrorize it, and conquer it for ourselves. Then we can install Tabeel's son as king in it.' " ⁷ This is what the Lord God says:

It will not happen; it will not occur. ⁸ The chief city of Aram is Damascus, the chief of Damascus is Rezin (within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people), ⁹ the chief city of Ephraim is Samaria, and the chief of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you do not stand firm in your faith, then you will not stand at all.

Personal strength is available when we ask God for help to deal with fear

Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- Don't rely on other powerful people (Isaiah 8:13)

Isaiah 8:13 (ESV) But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear and let him be your dread.

- Don't seek other sources of wisdom besides God (Isaiah 8:19)

Isaiah 8:19 (ESV) And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter," should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?

When in fear...

- I will stand firm in faith (Isaiah 7:9)
- I will draw my strength from the Lord (Is 7:14, 9:6)

Isaiah 7:14 (ESV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

My Next Step Today is to:

- ☐ For the first time, I will accept Jesus as my Savior and follow Him as Lord
- ☐ I will stand firm as I deal with this specific fear: _____
- ☐ I will draw my strength from God alone