

## The Virgin will Conceive

### Isaiah 7.13-14

*And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."*

**The Point:** God always keeps his promises.

**The Question:** What does this mean for me?

The Virgin

Will conceive

Bear a son

Name him Immanuel

God keeps his promises

God cannot lie, Heb 6.18, he never lies, Titus 1.3; it is not in his nature to make a promise and not keep it. He promised before the ages of humanity eternal life – victory over death. In our text this morning, we see a solid promise of the Messiah. He tells Eve in Gen 3, Abram in Gen 12, and David in 2 Sam 7 about his redemption through their lineage; he nails it down with an irrefutable sign. Seven Hundred plus years in advance.

Do not misread Ahaz's decline to name a sign as righteousness; he is not a believer. God gives him more to eat than he can digest: a line that will continue, land and crown that will be lost, and a Messiah who will come from the Holy Spirit's power to reign and restore all creation.

The Virgin. Let us examine the first character, the vessel that will carry the blessing. God told the serpent that from Eve from the seed (singular 3PFS), the bruiser of the serpent would come. Not a virgin, but the virgin. Not a young maiden, or a young married woman, a virgin. More importantly, a virgin that will conceive. That, friends, is a miracle.

Will conceive. What kind of prophetic sign would "a woman will give birth" be? The woman had to be a virgin; untouched—that is what makes the sign a miracle. Joseph kept Mary pure until after Jesus' birth.

Bear a son. God speaks to "the house of David" and continues the promise made to David 300 years earlier. Tribe and title passed from father to son, but "Jewishness" was passed on by the mother. Mary, the mother of Jesus, passed on the "Jewishness" God gave the title, and Joseph, through adoption, gave him the tribe.

Name him Immanu-El. With us is God. The Holy Spirit confirms that Mary and Jesus are the final fulfillment to Isa 7.13-14

God keeps his promises, all of them! What does this mean to you? His promise of judgment for rebellion is true! It also means his promise of redemption through grace is equally valid. Understand the former and live the latter.