

Isaiah 7:14 and 9:2-7

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. **3** You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. **4** For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. **5** Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

V. 14 God with us

- Context
 - Who does Ahaz trust?
 - Tries to refuse the Sign (7: 10-13)
 - The sign is given
 - Immanuel (7: 14)

An aside (9:1)

- The place where Jesus preached

9:2-3 Darkness—seen a light

- Who is walking in darkness and sees a light?
- A nation enlarged like a harvest? Like a warrior?

9:4-5 shattered yoke...rod

- Like Midian and ending oppression?

9:6-7 a child is born

- A surprise
 - Not just any child
 - What's in a name?
- David line
- Rule with justice and righteousness
- Baffling until Christ

Advent Series

Why did Christ have to be born?

- Week 1: Hope – In the Hebrew Bible, the words most often used for hope—*qavah* and *yakhal*—are also translated as “wait.” To hope in God means to wait with patient expectation, trusting that he will fulfill his promise.
 - Readings Is 8:5-17, Ps 130:1-8, Matt 1-2 Preaching Passage: To be the Free Gift from God (Romans 5:12-21)
- Week 2: Peace - As Jesus continues his work of bringing real, lasting peace throughout the Earth, we can participate in that work by living as peacemakers.
 - Is 9:1-7, Col 1:13-23, Mark 1 Preaching Passage: To bring Salvation (Luke 2: 25-39)
- **Week 3: Joy - This kind of joy is about being united with the God who walks with us and trusting that he will one day wipe away every tear. It looks to the future...[and] invites us to experience joy not because everything is perfect but because God is with us and his joy is already breaking into the world.**
 - Isaiah 51:1-11, 2 Cor 6:1-10, Luke 1
 - Preaching Passage: To bring us a King for the Nations (Isaiah 7:14 and 9:2-7)
- Week 4: Love - The Advent season leads us to reflect on the future God is bringing, where every interaction will be shaped and compelled by love. Even more, it invites us to live into that coming world right now by loving others the way Jesus does.
 - Deut 6:4-8, 1 Cor 1, John 1
 - Preaching Passage: The birth of the Messiah (Luke 2: 1-20)

Resources	Bible Studies	Events
Advent Family Bible Readings 	<p>Wed. (Dec. 17): 7-8:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-person (@ Chestnut house) - All welcome <p>Sat (Dec. 20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men's Fellowship <p>Sun (Dec. 28)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preaching series covering the Book of James Begins <p>Sun (Jan. 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congregational Meeting (After Church) <p>Sun (Jan. 18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Member Class/Church Covenant Class (all welcome) - After Church - With Rev. Chestnut & Rev. Dennis <p>Stay up on Studies and Resources https://www.redemption-church.net/</p>	<p>Alpha Bible Study (In-person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dec. 20, 22, 27 - Saturdays 5-7:00 pm - At Soden home <p>Christmas Caroling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday Dec. 19 @ 7pm - Meet in front - All welcome <p>Sunday (Jan. 25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellowship Sunday - Visiting a Church Plant <p>https://www.ethnoshouston.org/ Sundays - 10:15 am Ashford Elementary School 1815 Shannon Valley Dr. Houston, TX 77077</p>
Virtual Bible Study Link  meet.google.com/nvv-zzmb-neo		

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