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(2) And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

(3) Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

(4) And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

(5) Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

(6) Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:

(7) Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

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(2) And it was told *to* the house of David, saying, Syria has allied with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

(3) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said to Isaiah, **Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you, and Shearjashub {a remnant shall return}^a your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;**

(4) **And say to him, Take heed, and be quiet; do not fear, nor be fainthearted because of the two tails of these smoking firebrands, because the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.**

(5) **And because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against you, saying,**

(6) **Let us go up against Judah, and harrass it, and let us make a breach in it for ourselves, and set a king in its midst, *even* the son of Tabeal:**

(7) **This is what the Lord GOD {Jehovah} says, It will not stand, neither will it come to pass.**

7:3a - Shear-jashub {שֵׁאֵר יֵשׁוּב} - a remnant shall return; Is. 10:21

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<p>(8) For the head of Syria <i>is</i> Damascus, and the head of Damascus <i>is</i> Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.</p> <p>(9) And the head of Ephraim <i>is</i> Samaria, and the head of Samaria <i>is</i> Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.</p> <p>(10) Moreover the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying,</p> <p>(11) Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.</p> <p>(12) But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.</p> <p>(13) And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; <i>Is it</i> a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?</p> <p>(14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.</p> <p>(15) Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.</p> <p>(16) For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.</p> <p>(17) The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; <i>even</i> the king of Assyria.</p>	<p>(8) Because the head of Syria <i>is</i> Damascus, and the head of Damascus <i>is</i> Rezin; and within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken, it will not be a people.</p> <p>(9) And the head of Ephraim <i>is</i> Samaria, and the head of Samaria <i>is</i> Remaliah's son. If you will not believe, surely you will not be established.</p> <p>(10) Furthermore the LORD {Jehovah} spoke again to Ahaz, saying,</p> <p>(11) Ask a sign of the LORD {Jehovah} your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.</p> <p>(12) But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD {Jehovah}.</p> <p>(13) And He said, Hear now, O house of David; <i>Is it</i> a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also?</p> <p>(14) Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; Indeed, a {the} virgin^b will conceive, and give birth to a Son, and will call His Name Immanuel {God With Us}.^c</p> <p>(15) Butter and honey He will eat, that He may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.</p> <p>(16) Because before the child {Isaiah's child}^d will know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that you despise will be forsaken of both her kings.</p> <p>(17) The LORD {Jehovah} will bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon your father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; <i>even</i> the king of Assyria.</p>

7:14b - a virgin - literally - **the** virgin {העלמה} - see [Appendix H: Does Isaiah 7:14 Refer to A Virgin?](#) - Yes!!!; Mat. 1:22-23

7:14c - Immanuel {עמו אל} - God with us

7:16d - the child - Isaiah's son - whom he brought with him - Is. 7:3 - Isaiah was specifically told to take his young son with him to meet Ahaz - Isaiah in this verse is probably pointing to his young son and it is probably for that specific reason the Lord told Isaiah to bring his son with him. Note: we are not told how old Isaiah's son was at this point. See Is. 8:3-4 yet another son will be born to Isaiah and before he is able to cry 'my father or my mother' the prophecy concerning the two nations will be fulfilled. See note on Is. 1:1 -fulfilled II Ki. 15:30; 16:9