

not enter into our study very much and we only mention it in passing.

2. vs. 7...the plan formed against Judah will not prosper. Before announcing this the prophet allows the king to know that he, Isaiah, fully knows what is going on.

3. vs. 8 ..within 65 years the northern kingdom will not be a recognized people...that is, they will lose not the war but their national identification. 65 years is a long time but it is the amount of time needed to overcome the ethnic character of the land. Implied with this is the breaking of the "heads" of the leaders in the warfaring states.

4. vs. 14...the prophecies regarding the coming deliverer. There are three following the expression idea that the Lord will give a sign by himself:

a. A virgin (more literally a young woman with no experience in sex) will be found pregnant.

b. She will bear a child, in particular a son.

c. The son will be known as representing "God with us".

We could elaborate for some time on the likelihood of these things being fulfilled but it is better to go on.

5. Vss. 15-16...there will be a return to a rather primitive living standard and the kings to the north will be overthrown in less than three--four years --using the life of the unborn child as a scale for that time.

6. Judah and Israel will be undergo the ravishes of war and the tyranny of tribute paying (17-20) and the land rather than being spared will be spoiled.