

There may be other items implicit in this connexion but these suffice for the major predictions. You will note that in combination with these predictions is found a good deal of historic data and advice...reminding us again that prediction was not the total work of the prophet.

D. How the Predictions were received

Just a brief note. Ahaz mocked. We do not know whether the rest of the land heard much about them or not or how they would have responded. From the conditions that later developed it appears that no one used the words of the prophet to direct them to God in any large way. Certainly no one was interested in trying to fulfill these things himself. But we do not know many of the details. We do know that the king would not receive them and even refused to accept a command from the Lord to test him to see the truth of the prophetic words. No more need be said for him or for them.

E. How the Predictions Fared in Time.

In capsule form, the predictions came about as the prophet spoke:

1. The warfare of the northern kings did not succeed. They were overthrown and within two years were gone completely. Their plan to remove Ahaz failed and their own kingdoms were voided.

2. Due to the population projects of the Assyrian kings, the nation of Israel was lost as an ethnic community...probably in 40 years...well before 65 years had passed. This is why they (it) is referred to as the "lost tribes of Israel" (although that designation is not correct).

3. Matthew 1 shows us how the prophecies concerning the Messiah came to pass and were carried out to perfection.

4. And the destruction of the land of Judah and