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“Faith & Facts”

“For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (1 John 5:4)

Conspiracy Fact

Isaiah 7:1-9 – (1) “In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. (2) When the house of David was told, ‘Syria is in league with Ephraim,’ the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. (3) And the LORD said to Isaiah, ‘Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer’s Field. (4) And say to him, ‘Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. (5) Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, (6) ‘Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,’ (7) thus says the Lord GOD: ‘It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass. (8) For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. And within sixty-five years Ephraim will be shattered from being a people. (9) And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah...

If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.”

Obey the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-16 – “Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, (11) ‘Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.’ (12) But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.’ (13) And he said, ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? (14) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (15) He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. (16) For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.’”

Become like Children

Isaiah 8:1-4 – (1) “Then the LORD said to me, ‘Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters, ‘Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.’ (2) And I will get reliable witnesses, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah, to attest for me.’ (3) And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, ‘Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz; (4) for before the boy knows how to cry ‘My father’ or ‘My mother,’ the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria.”

“...Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3)

Don't be Distracted by Noise

Isaiah 8:5-8 – (5) “The LORD spoke to me again: (6) ‘Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, (7) therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks, (8) and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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