

Isaiah

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- Isaiah's prophecy is almost 700 years prior to the birth of Christ
 - "In the days of Ahaz" 735-715 BC
 - 2Cor. 28:1-4
- Ahaz learns Ephraim and Syria have joined forces. (vs. 2) They plan to attack Ahaz and replace him with Tabeel. (vs. 6)
- God tells Ahaz through Isaiah that their plan will not succeed. (vs. 7)
- God reveals in 65 years Ephraim is the one who will be destroyed (vs. 8)
- Ahaz would find security in being "firm in the faith" (vs. 9)
- God explains why he will preserve Judah and the house of David, giving him a sign that would prove God's faithfulness to his covenants with David and his people (vs. 14)

Ahaz to Immanuel

- 722 BC the northern kingdom falls to Assyria
- 586 BC the southern kingdom falls to Babylon
- God promises Jeremiah that David's line will not be broken (Jer. 33:14-18)
- Zedekiah the last known Davidic king is captured and his sons are killed (Jer. 52; 2Kings 25; 2Chron. 36)
- The OT concludes with Judah's return from Babylonian captivity and the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple. (Ezra, Nehemiah)
- 432 BC the prophet Malachi rebukes the returned remnant
- 430 years pass between the close of the OT and the beginning of the NT

Jesus our Immanuel

- The NT opens with Jesus fulfilling Jeremiah's and Isaiah's prophecy
 - Matt. 1:1, 17, 18-25
 - Jn. 1:1-14