

Tale of Two Kings - Ahaz and Amanuwal

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Over the years, many have argued that this verse was prophetically fulfilled in King Ahaz and has nothing to do with a coming Deliverer, namely AMANUWAL HA'MASHYACH . For this very reason – it is profoundly important to keep a watchful eye on context.

The context of Yahshayahu 7:14 includes the historical narrative of Ahaz, the king of Yahuwdah who was faced with an invasion from both Syria and the northern kingdom of Israel. Yahshayahu prophesied under the inspiration of the RUWACH HA'KADOSH (Holy Spirit) to King Ahaz. In verses 10-11, Yahuwah inspired Yahshayahu to tell Ahaz, "Ask thee a sign of YAHUWAH thy ALUHYM ; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above." What a tremendous opportunity!

Ahaz, the grandson of Uzziah, was twenty when he came to the throne of Yahuwdah. Of his reign, the writer of Scripture recorded that he "did NOT that which was right in the sight of YAHUWAH his ALUHYM..." (2 Kings 16:2).

To YAHUWAH's gracious invitation, King Ahaz replies, "I will not ask, neither will I tempt YAHUWAH."

This almost sounds like a humble response until one reads Yahshayahu's (still under the inspiration of the RUWACH HA'KADOSH rejoinder:

"And he said, Hear ye now, O house of Dawid; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my ALUHYM also?"

This clearly indicates that Ahaz's motives for refusal were not right. As a consequence, YAHUWAH went beyond the immediate need of deliverance for Yahuwdah and its king.

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YAHUWAH is giving a prophecy so far reaching – that it offers deliverance to the entire world. In context, the time frame of this promise goes beyond the time of Ahaz. We know this because Yahshayahu 7:16 notes,

"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."

Before the child born of a virgin shall grow to maturity ("know to refuse the evil and choose the good"), the threatening nations shall have their kings removed. This would come about through the conquest and domination by another power. This prophecy could not possibly have been limited to the reign of Ahaz. Further, we have the testimony of Matthew that (speaking of

Miriam's (Mary's) miraculous conception), "all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of YAHUWAH by the prophet..." (Mat 1:22-23).

There are a number of other Scriptures that go beyond their immediate time frame. Hosea 11:1 states, "When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." Clearly there is the historical record of Israel's slavery in and deliverance from Egypt. That would be an immediate application. Yet, the apostle Matthew, writing of Miriam, Yosef, and AMANUWAL, said that they would be "...there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of YAHUWAH by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son" (Mat 2:15).

Bible doubters and skeptics have sought to discredit Matthew's application of this prophecy, as (to their preconceived ideas) Hosea 11:1 is speaking of Israel in Egypt only. Yet, we see that is not true.

Consequently, we cannot say that what Yahshayahu was speaking under the inspiration of the RUWACH HAKADOSH was limited to Ahaz alone. We have noted Yahshayahu 7:16, which in context furnishes details for a fulfillment that simply did not happen in the time of Ahaz.

But to the literal fulfillment of Yahshayahu prophecy that AMANUWAL (YaHuWaH with Us) (Al/Aluhym with us), AMANUWAL HA'MASHYACH was indeed born!

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name AMANUWAL, which being interpreted is, (YaHuWaH with Us) (Al/Aluhym with us). Then Yosef being raised from sleep did as the angel of YAHUWAH had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name AMANUWAL." Matthew 1:23-25

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