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**The Virgin Birth and Immanuel**

*Isa. 7:14-16*

Intro:

**A. CONTEXT**

 1. Ahaz, son of Uzziah, is king of Judah (7:1).

 2, The Syrians (Arameans) and Israel have formed an alliance to attack Judah (7:1).

 3. God sends Isaiah to Ahaz to encourage him that the alliance will fail (7:2-9).

 4. The LORD commands Ahaz to ask for a sign (7:10-12).

 5. God gives Ahaz a sign (7:14-16).

**B. THE MEANING OF “VIRGIN” (7:14).**

 The Hebrew word *’almah* refers to an unmarried young maiden, of good reputation. It is used 7 times in the OT and there is no clear case where it does not imply a virgin. The LXX translation and the NT (Mt. 1:23) clearly understood a virgin, by their use of “*parthenos*”.

**C. IDENTIFYING THE SON CALLED “IMMANUEL” (7:14-16).**

 1. Dual fulfillment.

 a. Far fulfillment: the birth of Jesus Christ.

 b. Near fulfillment: some say the second son of Isaiah (8:3), Maher-shalal-hash- baz; others say Hezekiah.

 2. Christ only view. Mt. 1:21-23.

**D. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NAME “IMMANUEL.”**

 1. The purpose of the sign.

 2. The glory of Immanuel - “God with us”.

 a. God’s word is true.

 b. God with us - 3 ways.

Conclusion