

### Whoever Believes on Him

Rom 10.8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

\* **How is this** passage like kids' Magic Grow Capsules?

Rom 9.33 "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense," [quoting Isa 8.14] And "whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame [quoting Isa 28.16]."

\* **God in Isaiah** 7-28 was dealing with the same sins of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus & the apostles were dealing with in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. God was also pointing forward to the coming of \_\_\_\_\_ & his forming of a believing remnant, born of the Spirit, which would expand to include believers from all nations. So Isa 7-28 is key to understanding what was going on with Israel & how God was working thru the gospel of Christ by the Spirit.

\* **What is the** big picture of Isa 7-28?

– Israel is eaten up with pride and unbelief, believing that she has an ethnic \_\_\_\_\_ right to God's blessing.

– God is calling Israel to repentance & warning her of \_\_\_\_\_ by Assyria, but Israel is hardening herself.

– God will preserve a believing \_\_\_\_\_, which he will form up around Isaiah. God is encouraging the remnant to stand fast, for He will be with them.

– God gives Isaiah & the remnant a sign of His presence thru the birth of a \_\_\_\_\_, Immanuel, to Isaiah and his wife.

– God keeps pointing to the day when he will cause the birth of another Son, who will literally be \_\_\_\_\_.

– And around Immanuel, God will form another believing remnant, which will include believers from \_\_\_\_\_ peoples.

### \* Highlights:

**Isa 7.13** ... "Hear ... O house of David! ... 14 ... the LORD Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Mat 1.20 [A]n angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21. And she will bring forth a Son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear and Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel,' which is translated, 'God with us.'"

**Isa 7.16** Before the child shall know how to refuse the evil and choose the good ... 17 [t]he LORD will bring upon you ... the king of Assyria!" ... 8.3 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, for before the child shall have knowledge to cry 'My father' and 'My mother,' the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be taken away before the king of Assyria. ...

**Isa 8.6** Inasmuch as these people refused the waters of Shiloah that flow softly, ... 7 behold, the LORD brings up over them the waters of ... the king of Assyria ... 8 He will pass through Judah ... and ... will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel ... 9 Be shattered, O you peoples ... Gird your-selves, but be broken in pieces. 10 Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing ... for God is with us [lit., "Immanuel"].

**Isa 8.11** For the LORD ... instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying: 12 "Do not ... be afraid of their threats ... 13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear ... 14 He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

**Isa 8.15** And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken." 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

**Isa 8.17** And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will hope in Him. 18 Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! ...

Heb 2.13 "... Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me." 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

**Isa 9.1** [B]y the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light

Mat 4.12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea ... 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Isa 9.6** For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1.30 "[T]he angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son ... 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the LORD God will give him the throne of his father David. 33 And he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'"

**Isa 28.14** Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, 15 because you have said, "We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves." 16 Therefore thus says the LORD GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

**\* In Rom 10.13**, Paul quotes Joel 2.32, which Peter interprets by the Spirit in his Pentecost sermon in Acts 2.16-19:

Acts 2.16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.' ... 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." (For more insight into the meaning of Peter's and Joel's words, listen to the sermons "Understanding Apocalyptic Language" and "Distinguishing Final and Temporal Judgment" preached in July 2018, available at [TheKingsCongregation.com](http://TheKingsCongregation.com).)

**\* To sum up:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ himself is the one who comes as Immanuel and becomes a sanctuary and a cornerstone to the believing remnant, but a stone of stumbling to the unbelieving majority.
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ is sealed upon the believing remnant, not the unbelieving majority who boast in it as a status symbol.
- 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ is defined, not by putting the law on steroids — making it say things it didn't say, while emptying it of things it did say — but by faith in Immanuel, the Cornerstone. Those who do not believe in Him will be caught up in judgment, both temporally and on the Last Day.
- 4) The \_\_\_\_\_ majority of Israel are gripped by self-deception: They claim the law as a covenant of life, but they have twisted it into a covenant of death, for they cut out the heart of it: Faith in Immanuel, the Cornerstone.
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ has spoken the same message all along. The law and the prophets lead straight to the gospel of Jesus.