

## ISAIAH

### 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
“I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!”  
Then Isaiah said:  
Listen, O house of David!  
Is it not enough for you to weary people,  
must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel.

Ahaz had depended upon his alliance with the Assyrians to protect his (northern) Kingdom of Israel, instead of on God.

Isaiah calls his bluff; then Isaiah says that your kingdom of Israel will surely endure, but not as you think.

No, but a young unmarried girl (trans: Virgin) shall give birth to a son, who will be called “The-With-us-God.” Emma-nu-el  
**emma**= with  
**nu** = us all;  
**elohim** = the Most High God.

## Psalm – 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

**R. (7c and 10b) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

The LORD’s are the earth and its fullness;  
the world and those who dwell in it.  
For he founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers. **R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
or who may stand in his holy place?  
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,  
who desires not what is vain. **R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,  
a reward from God his savior.  
Such is the race that seeks for him,  
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.**

*[The Psalm asks: Who will see the Lord?  
Answer: whoever ascends God’s Holy Mountain  
with a pure heart. That is a heart with pure motives  
not with some ulterior motive like Ahaz.]*

## ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul, a **\*slave** of Christ Jesus,  
called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God,  
which he promised previously through his prophets  
in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son,  
descended from David according to the flesh,  
but established as Son of God in power  
according to the **Spirit of holiness**  
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Doulos in Greek means **\*slave**; Jerome in Latin uses *servus*, which means either slave or servant. In those days not much difference.

Both have to carry out the wishes of their Master, who in Paul’s case is Christ. Paul has to carry out the orders of XT.

Why? Because XT called him to be a disciple. Xt call US too, so we have to carry out his orders.

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,  
to bring about the obedience of faith,  
for the sake of his name, among **all the Gentiles**,  
among whom are you also,  
who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;  
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.  
Grace to you and peace from **God our Father**  
and the **Lord Jesus Christ**.

- 2 points here:  
1) Like Isaiah says: XT came for  
**omnes Gentes**, all nations  
not just Jews.  
2) The TRINITY: *God our Father*  
*Lord Jesus Christ and*  
*Spirit of holiness*

Alleluia – MATT 1:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

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Xtians from the beginning have  
identified this VIRGIN from Isaiah  
with Mary

GOSPEL MATT 1:18-24

*{see Intro for the background on this Gospel}*

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.  
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,  
but before they lived together,  
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.  
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame,  
decided to divorce her quietly.  
Such was his intention when, behold, \*the angel of the Lord appeared to him  
in a dream and said,  
“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.  
For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

\*the angel of the Lord

*{note that Matt does not say GABRIEL. GABRIEL is named only IN LUKE,  
where Gabriel announces the birth of John the Baptist—itsself extraordinary—  
and then to Mary Gabriel announces the birth of Christ.*

*In both cases the HOLY SPIRIT is present  
because new LIFE is being created as in Genesis.}*

She will bear a son and you are to name him \*\*Jesus,  
because he will **save** his people from their sins.”

[\*\*means Yahweh saves]

*{Matt is always interested in showing that the Gospel fulfills the OT,  
more on D-V-D, the name DAVID as = 14 in the Intro}*

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

*{note this reference to Isaiah}*

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had **commanded him** and took his wife into  
his home. Paul in Romans is also **commanded!**

*{more on this in the Intro}*