

## The Coming Assyrian Invasion

8 Then the LORD said to me, "Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters, 'Belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.'<sup>2</sup> And I will get reliable witnesses, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah, to attest for me."

<sup>3</sup> 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; <sup>4</sup> for before the boy knows how to cry 'My father' or 'My mother,' the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria will be carried away before the king of Assyria."

<sup>5</sup> The LORD spoke to me again: <sup>6</sup> "Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah that flow gently, and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, <sup>7</sup> therefore, behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks, <sup>8</sup> and it will sweep on into Judah, it will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck, and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel." \*

<sup>9</sup> Be broken, you peoples, and be shattered;  
give ear, all you far countries;  
strap on your armor and be shattered;  
strap on your armor and be shattered.

<sup>10</sup> Take counsel together, but it will come to nothing;  
speak a word, but it will not stand,  
for God is with us.

## Fear God, Wait for the LORD

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying:

Maher-shalal-hash-baz "hastening is booty: speedy is the prey" in verse 1 it is a statement. In verse 3 it is the babies name use to taunt the people, and remind them of God's judgment.

① This statement or prophecy is to be witnessed by two reliable persons so it cannot be seen as being written in hind-sight. (Deut 19:15)

③-4 This repeats the prediction that Damascus and Samaria would fall to Assyria. It would happen quickly even before ISAIAH'S son learned to speak his 1<sup>st</sup> words. Tiglath-pileser plundered Damascus in 732 B.C. and in 720 B.C. he took Samaria. The nations they feared were defeated but a stronger nation took their place. Thus the "tail of the smoking firebrands" (7:4) was shown to be a fulfilled prophecy.

⑥ Tells the judgment is coming because the people have rejected God's blessings while praising others.

⑦-8 THE KING OF ASSYRIA and his army are compared to a flood where the river overflows its banks and cannot be contained or controlled.

\* O Immanuel is placed here to show what it will take for them to be delivered. The flood shows the enemy is overpowering them because of their sins. The cry Immanuel (God with us) is a prayer for deliverance. This is Amen & Help put together. Only God will be able to deliver them.

⑨-10 THE PEOPLE ARE WITHOUT HOPE, BUT THEY WILL TRY. THEIR HARD HEARTS WILL TRY IN THEIR OWN STRENGTH TO STAND AGAINST GOD'S WILL. IF GOD SENDS AN ARMY AGAINST YOU they can only succeed, and you will fail.

⑪ <sup>SPIRITUAL</sup> THE LEADER IS TO FOLLOW GOD EVEN WHEN THE PEOPLE TURN AWAY. BETTER TO STAND ALONE WITH GOD THAN TO BE JUDGED WITH THE MAJORITY/MULTITUDE.

<sup>12</sup>“Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. <sup>13</sup>But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. <sup>14</sup>And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of offense and a rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. <sup>15</sup>And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”

<sup>16</sup>Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among my disciples. <sup>17</sup>I will wait for the LORD, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. <sup>18</sup>Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. <sup>19</sup>And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? <sup>20</sup>To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. <sup>21</sup>They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. <sup>22</sup>And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

Name God for the consequences of their sins

For to Us a Child Is Born

**9** But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has

Galilee where Jesus will set up His headquarters for His ministry.

- ⑫ THE people do not determine the message, nor do they determine the heart of the matter. A Spiritual Leader is called to lead the people by following God's Directions. People will believe a lie if it relieves them of Guilt and responsibility
- ⑬ Keep a proper perspective of the matters and who is really in final control. Let God GUIDE YOUR HEART AWAY FROM THE CROWD.

⑭-⑮ God is either your cornerstone or stumbling block. They will fall because of their rejection of God. The results will be their own fault.

⑯-⑰ THE FOLLOWERS OF GOD ARE TO WAIT ON GOD and not lose hope. They must not hope in the King or the nation but focus on God. The lives of the righteous show the presence of God in their lives. Even the prophet's family names remind Him of God's presence. Isaiah = The Lord is Savior | Shear-jashub = A Remnant shall remain | Maher-shalal-haz-baz = Speedy the spook (or) hasten the prey.

⑱-⑳ THE PEOPLE, EVEN IN DISTRESS, CONTINUE TO SEEK HELP FROM ANYPLACE EXCEPT GOD. THEY SHOW NO FAITH OR TRUST IN GOD. THEY BLAME THE KING AND GOD and fail to recognize their own faithlessness is THE CAUSE. THEY LOOK DOWN TO THE EARTH AND NOT UPWARD TO GOD FOR HELP.

⑰ Here a small light of hope is given. They could never see or understand the significance of this prophecy.

note: This coming hope is future and spiritual. No one living when this was written would live to see this salvation. All is on God's time and not man's. His goal is eternal and always Kingdom focused.