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BEFORE

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THE BAD GUY...✦✦✦

## ISAIAH 7:1-2

<sup>1</sup> When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

## ISAIAH 7:1-2

**2** Now the house of David was told, “Aram has allied itself with Ephraim”; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

THE GOOD GUY...✦✦✦

## ISAIAH 7:5-7,9

<sup>5</sup> Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, <sup>6</sup> "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it."

## ISAIAH 7:5-7,9

**7 Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord says, “It will not take place, it will not happen... 9 If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.””**

THE JESUS  
MOMENT...✦✦✦



## ISAIAH 7:10-14

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, <sup>11</sup> “Ask the Lord your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

## ISAIAH 7:10-14

<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?”

ISAIAH 7:10-14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.**

THE GALILEE  
PROMISE...✦✦✦

## ISAIAH 9:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

## ISAIAH 9:1-2

**2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.**

HOW COULD THIS  
EVER HAPPEN?

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6-7



<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

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