**Four Questions as We Read Isaiah**

1. Do we see *Jesus* ***revealed*** in these verses?
2. Does a *thread* ***connect*** any of these verses to New Testament verses?
3. Do these *words* ***speak*** to us (personally, nationally, as the church)??
4. Are there verses that might have *given* ***revelation*** to Jesus about Himself?

**Chapter 7**

In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzzi′ah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remali′ah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but they could not conquer it. **2**When the house of David was told, “Syria is in league with E′phraim,” his heart and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

**3**And the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go forth to meet Ahaz, you and She′ar-jash′ub[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17785c)] your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller’s Field, **4**and say to him, ‘Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remali′ah. **5**Because Syria, with E′phraim and the son of Remali′ah, has devised evil against you, saying, **6**“Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Ta′be-el as king in the midst of it,” **7**thus says the Lord God:

It shall not stand,
    and it shall not come to pass.
**8**For the head of Syria is Damascus,
    and the head of Damascus is Rezin.

(Within sixty-five years E′phraim will be broken to pieces so that it will no longer be a people.)

**9**And the head of E′phraim is Samar′ia,
    and the head of Samar′ia is the son of Remali′ah.
If you will not believe,
    surely you shall not be established.’”

**10**Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, **11**“Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” **12**But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” **13**And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? **14**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17796d)] shall conceive and bear[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17796e)] a son, and shall call his name Imman′u-el.[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17796f)] **15**He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. **16**For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted. **17**The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that E′phraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

**18**In that day the Lord will whistle for the fly which is at the sources of the streams of Egypt, and for the bee which is in the land of Assyria. **19**And they will all come and settle in the steep ravines, and in the clefts of the rocks, and on all the thornbushes, and on all the pastures.

**20**In that day the Lord will shave with a razor which is hired beyond the River—with the king of Assyria—the head and the hair of the feet, and it will sweep away the beard also.

**21**In that day a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep; **22**and because of the abundance of milk which they give, he will eat curds; for every one that is left in the land will eat curds and honey.

**23**In that day every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand shekels of silver, will become briers and thorns. **24**With bow and arrows men will come there, for all the land will be briers and thorns; **25**and as for all the hills which used to be hoed with a hoe, you will not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but they will become a place where cattle are let loose and where sheep tread.

**Chapter 8**

Then the Lord said to me, “Take a large tablet and write upon it in common characters, ‘Belonging to Ma′her-shal′al-hash′baz.’”[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17808g)] **2**And I got reliable witnesses, Uri′ah the priest and Zechari′ah the son of Jeberechi′ah, to attest for me. **3**And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said to me, “Call his name Ma′her-shal′al-hash′baz; **4**for before the child knows how to cry ‘My father’ or ‘My mother,’ the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samar′ia will be carried away before the king of Assyria.”

**5**The Lord spoke to me again: **6**“Because this people have refused the waters of Shilo′ah that flow gently, and melt in fear before[[h](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17813h)] Rezin and the son of Remali′ah; **7**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; **8**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 Imman′u-el.”

**9**Be broken, you peoples, and be dismayed;
    give ear, all you far countries;
gird yourselves and be dismayed;
    gird yourselves and be dismayed.
**10**Take counsel together, but it will come to nought;
    speak a word, but it will not stand,
    for God is with us.[[i](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV" \l "fen-RSV-17817i" \o "See footnote i)]

**11**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: **12**“Do not call conspiracy all that this people call conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. **13**But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. **14**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. **15**And many shall stumble thereon; they shall fall and be broken; they shall be snared and taken.”

**16**Bind up the testimony, seal the teaching among my disciples. **17**I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. **18**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. **19**And when they say to you, “Consult the mediums and the wizards who chirp and mutter,” should not a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? **20**To the teaching and to the testimony! Surely for this word which they speak there is no dawn. **21**They will pass through the land,[[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17828j)] greatly distressed and hungry; and when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will curse[[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17828k)] their king and their God, and turn their faces upward; **22**and they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and they will be thrust into thick darkness.

**Chapter 9**

[[l](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17830l)] But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zeb′ulun and the land of Naph′tali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

**2**[[m](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17831m)] The people who walked in darkness
    have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
    on them has light shined.
**3**Thou hast multiplied the nation,
    thou hast increased its joy;
they rejoice before thee
    as with joy at the harvest,
    as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
**4**For the yoke of his burden,
    and the staff for his shoulder,
    the rod of his oppressor,
    thou hast broken as on the day of Mid′ian.
**5**For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
    and every garment rolled in blood
    will be burned as fuel for the fire.
**6**For to us a child is born,
    to 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 of peace
    there will be no end,
upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom,
    to establish it, and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
    from this time forth and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**8**The Lord has sent a word against Jacob,
    and it will light upon Israel;
**9**and all the people will know,
    E′phraim and the inhabitants of Samar′ia,
    who say in pride and in arrogance of heart:
**10**“The bricks have fallen,
    but we will build with dressed stones;
the sycamores have been cut down,
    but we will put cedars in their place.”
**11**So the Lord raises adversaries[[n](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17840n)] against them,
    and stirs up their enemies.
**12**The Syrians on the east and the Philistines on the west
    devour Israel with open mouth.
For all this his anger is not turned away
    and his hand is stretched out still.

**13**The people did not turn to him who smote them,
    nor seek the Lord of hosts.
**14**So the Lord cut off from Israel head and tail,
    palm branch and reed in one day—
**15**the elder and honored man is the head,
    and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail;
**16**for those who lead this people lead them astray,
    and those who are led by them are swallowed up.
**17**Therefore the Lord does not rejoice over their young men,
    and has no compassion on their fatherless and widows;
for every one is godless and an evildoer,
    and every mouth speaks folly.
For all this his anger is not turned away
    and his hand is stretched out still.

**18**For wickedness burns like a fire,
    it consumes briers and thorns;
it kindles the thickets of the forest,
    and they roll upward in a column of smoke.
**19**Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts
    the land is burned,
and the people are like fuel for the fire;
    no man spares his brother.
**20**They snatch on the right, but are still hungry,
    and they devour on the left, but are not satisfied;
each devours his neighbor’s[[o](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+5-66&version=RSV#fen-RSV-17849o)] flesh,
**21**Manas′seh E′phraim, and E′phraim Manas′seh,
    and together they are against Judah.
For all this his anger is not turned away
    and his hand is stretched out still.