

Isaiah 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?

Analysis

Isaiah's rebuke—shifting from addressing Ahaz personally to 'house of David'—elevates the stakes from personal choice to dynastic faithfulness. The accusation of wearying 'my God' (not just 'your God') emphasizes Ahaz's offense against divine patience. Refusing God's gracious offer exhausts divine forbearance. This introduces the Immanuel sign (v. 14) which, though immediately addressing Ahaz's crisis, ultimately points to Messiah, demonstrating that God's purposes transcend human faithlessness.

Historical Context

By invoking 'house of David,' Isaiah reminds Ahaz of covenant responsibilities. Davidic kings were to trust God, not political machinations (Psalm 20:7).

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does persistent refusal of God's grace eventually exhaust divine patience?

2. What does addressing the 'house of David' rather than Ahaz personally teach about corporate covenant responsibility?

Interlinear Text

וְאַחֲרֵי	שְׁמַעוּ	בְּיַתְּרֵל	בְּמַעַט	מְכֹם
And he said	Hear	H4994	ye now O house	of David
H559	H8085	H1004	H1732	H4480

תְּלַאֲזֵן	אַתָּה גָּדוֹל	אֱלֹהִים
but will ye weary	H376	H3588

תְּלַאֲזֵן	אַתָּה גָּדוֹל	אֱלֹהִים
H3811	H1571	H853

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 43:24 (Parallel theme): Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

Isaiah 63:10 (Parallel theme): But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Isaiah 7:2 (References David): And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

Ezekiel 34:18 (Parallel theme): Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?

Ezekiel 16:47 (Parallel theme): Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as if that were a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.

Malachi 2:17 (References God): Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is

good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

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