

# Isaiah 7:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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The report that 'Syria is confederate with Ephraim' caused Ahaz's and the people's hearts to move 'as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind' depicts paralyzing fear despite God's promises. This terror reveals lack of faith—trusting circumstances over covenant. The imagery anticipates Jesus' contrast between those founded on rock versus sand (Matthew 7:24-27), showing that faith provides stability while unbelief brings instability.

## Historical Context

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Two-front threat (Syria from north, Israel from central highlands) appeared militarily overwhelming. Ahaz faced pressure to seek Assyrian alliance rather than trust God.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

1. What circumstances cause our hearts to 'move like trees' rather than rest in God's promises?
2. How does fear reveal functional unbelief despite professed faith?

## Interlinear Text

## Additional Cross-References

**Isaiah 7:13** (References David): 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?

**Isaiah 8:12** (Parallel theme): Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

**Isaiah 9:9** (Parallel theme): And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

**Proverbs 28:1** (Parallel theme): The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.