

Isaiah 7:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

Analysis

God's command that Isaiah take his son Shear-jashub ('remnant shall return') to meet Ahaz made the prophet's child a living sermon. Names function as prophecy in Isaiah (8:3; 8:18), declaring God's purposes. The location—'conduit of the upper pool'—may relate to water supply vulnerable during siege, adding urgency. Shear-jashub's name promised both judgment (only a remnant) and hope (the remnant returns), embodying covenantal realism that judgment purifies rather than destroys utterly.

Historical Context

Water infrastructure was crucial during siege warfare (2 Kings 20:20). Meeting at the conduit emphasized both vulnerability and God's protective provision.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do our children and their names bear witness to God's faithfulness in our generation?
2. What does the 'remnant shall return' principle teach about judgment's redemptive purpose?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֶל	יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ	צֵא	נָא	לִקְרַת אֵת	אֲחָז
Then said	the LORD	H413	unto Isaiah	Go forth	H4994	now to meet	Ahaz
H559	H3068		H3470	H3318		H7125	H271
הָאֵת	וּשְׂאָר	יֵשׁ וְשִׁבְיָהּ	בֶּן־בְּנֵי	אֶל	קֵצֵה	תְּעַלֵּית	
H859	H0	thou and Shearjashub	thy son	H413	at the end	of the conduit	
		H7610	H1121		H7097	H8585	
הַבְּרֶכֶת	הַעֲלִיּוֹנָה	אֶל	מִסְלַח	שָׂדֵה	כֹּבֵס:		
pool	of the upper	H413	in the highway	field	of the fuller's		
H1295	H5945		H4546	H7704	H3526		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 36:2 (Parallel theme): And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field.

2 Kings 18:17 (Parallel theme): And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rabsaris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field.

Romans 9:27 (Parallel theme): Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

Isaiah 6:13 (Parallel theme): But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

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