

# 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

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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

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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

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**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

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֵל	וְשָׁעֵרוֹ	צָא	נָא	לְקַבֵּעַ	אַךְ
<b>Then said</b>	<b>the LORD</b>	H413	<b>unto Isaiah</b>	<b>Go forth</b>	H4994	<b>now to meet</b>	<b>Ahaz</b>
H559	H3068		H3470	H3318		H7125	H271
וְשָׁאָר	בְּנֵי	אֵל	בְּנֵי	אֵל	לְקַצֵּה	תְּמֻלֵּת	
H859	H0	<b>thou and Shearjashub</b>	<b>thy son</b>	H413	<b>at the end</b>	<b>of the conduit</b>	
		H7610	H1121		H7097		H8585
בְּרֶכֶת	מַסְלֵת	שַׁדְּה	כּוֹבֵס				
<b>pool</b>	<b>of the upper</b>	H413	<b>in the highway</b>	<b>field</b>	<b>of the fuller's</b>		
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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