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Reaching up to the neck (Jerusalem) – even Judah is overcome (almost) (Luke 14:19-20)

The will of God (Psalm 2) – (Ezekiel 18:30-32 / II Peter 3:9)

His enemies will be crushed (Joel 3:12-13 / I Corinthians 15:24-26 / Revelation 14:19-20)

His plan cannot be thwarted (Job 42:2)

| Discussion questions for Isaiah 8:1-10 |
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| God's desire is for His message to be heard – how are we a part of that plan? (II Corinthians 5:18-20 / Matthew 28:18-20) |
| God is the only One we are to fear. What promises and/or prophecies might give us a reason to be afraid? (Matthew 7:21-23; 12:33-37 / Hebrews 4:13 / II Peter 3:10) |
| How do we learn the fear of the LORD? (Proverbs 2:1-5) |
| How do we overcome our fears? (I John 4:13-18) |
| Have you ever experienced a wake-up call in your spiritual life? |
| If God's plans cannot be changed, how should that knowledge impact our lives? (Acts 26:14 / Psalm 119:105 / Hebrews 12:11 / Psalm 38:1) |

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That all may see – God wants His message to be known

Prediction: Assyria will be used to plunder – Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz

His judgment is soon and swift

Priests: trusted & reliable men (II Timothy 2:1-2)

God's truth invested in reliable witnesses who are qualified to teach others

The warning (3-4) – God uses the wicked for His purpose (Revelation 17:15-17/Habakkuk 1:13)

Whether we approve or not – sometimes we get what we deserve

Fulfilled prophecy (Isaiah 7:14) Part 1 – the 'young maiden' shall be with child

Future of the feared kings (Psalm 27:1-3) – there is no reason for us to fear

The war (5-8)

Rejecting the gentle source of help (Shiloah) (Matthew 11:28-30)

We can choose the One who is humble and gentle

River overflowing as a flood (Euphrates) – Assyrian army used to execute His wrath

We can also face the One who is righteous and full of wrath (John 3:36)

Reaching up to the neck (Jerusalem) – even Judah is overcome (almost) (Luke 14:19-20)

Sometimes we need a wake-up call

The will of God (Psalm 2) – (Ezekiel 18:30-32 / II Peter 3:9)

His desire is for repentance – not our destruction

It is wise for us to know His will (Ephesians 5:15-17 / Romans 12:1-2)

His enemies will be crushed (Joel 3:12-13 / I Corinthians 15:24-26 / Revelation 14:19-20)

Judgment Day is a promise (II Peter 3:10)

His plan cannot be thwarted (Job 42:2)

We are to be cooperating with His plan (Ephesians 3:10-12)

Discussion questions for Isaiah 8:1-10

God's desire is for His message to be heard – how are we a part of that plan? (II Corinthians 5:18-20 / Matthew 28:18-20) As those who are made new in Christ – indeed we are His workmanship (Ephesians 2:10) – He has committed unto us the role of ambassadors – to be involved in the ministry and the message of reconciliation – that is our commission

God is the only One we are to fear. What promises and/or prophecies might give us a reason to be afraid? (Matthew 7:21-23; 12:33-37 / Hebrews 4:13 / II Peter 3:10)

That I might not truly be His – examine your faith (II Corinthians 13:5)
That my mouth might get me in trouble (James 3:6 / Psalm 141:3)
That my thoughts are exposed before Him (Psalm 139:1-6)
That I might not be ready for that day

How do we learn the fear of the LORD? (Proverbs 2:1-5)

We must seek the knowledge of God through His Word as if we were searching for treasure. We must cry out to Him, that His Spirit would open our hearts eyes to see (Ephesians 1:17-19) We must accept His words as truth and follow His commands for our lives.

How do we overcome our fears? (I John 4:13-18)

When we know and live in the love of God – the transforming power of that love gives us the security to know that we will not face the judgment we deserve. Jesus has paid it all.

Have you ever experienced a wake-up call in your spiritual life?

If God's plans cannot be changed, how should that knowledge impact our lives? (Acts 26:14 / Psalm 119:105 / Hebrews 12:11 / Psalm 38:1) We must align ourselves with His plans – not kick against the goads. We need to welcome His guidance and His discipline. "Lord, do not let me go my own way."