

VVBC Bible Study  
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- 1) Who told Isaiah to record the events concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz? (1)  
(The name of this son, soon to be born to Isaiah, means: “*Make haste to the plunder, hurry to the spoil*”)
  
- 2) What two men did the LORD appoint to witness and record the historical events regarding the child, Maher-shalal-hash-baz? (2)
  
- 3) Who told Isaiah what to name the child? (3)
  
- 4) The LORD’s judgment would soon fall on two adversaries of Jerusalem: Damascus (Syria) and Samaria. The LORD gives the time when this judgment will fall. It will come before what age of the child? (4)
  
- 5) What king and nation will God use to bring about this judgment? (4)
  
- 6) Earlier in chapter 7, Isaiah had counseled king Ahaz to trust God and not fear these 2 adversaries. To what did the prophet compare these 2 adversaries in 7:4?
  
- 7) However, God’s judgment wouldn’t stop with these 2 adversaries (Syrian and Samaria). He will extend His judgment to Judah and Jerusalem as well. They too stand guilty, especially of unbelief and unfaithfulness. What figure does the prophet use to picture God’s coming judgment on them? (5-8)
  
- 8) Verse 8 ends with “*O Immanuel,*” a two-word plea and appeal to God by Judah. The great king of Assyria, like a soaring *bird of prey*, spreads out its wings over Judah. So, what might this plea be asking of God? (8)

9) In verses 9-10, Isaiah expresses his confidence that Judah would not be completely destroyed by any incoming invader, no matter how great. He ends verse 10 with the reason for such certainty. What reason does he give? (Isaiah 8:9-10)

[Extra credit: How does this relate to the believer today and to Christ's words in Matt. 28:20?]

10) What did God expressly direct Isaiah not to do in verse 11? (11)

11) How did God want His people to respond to Him in verse 13? (13)

12) The "testimony" in verse 16 directly relates to the birth of Maher-shalal-hash-baz and the coming judgment of God as foretold by the child's name (see vv.1,2). What was Isaiah's response in verse 17 to the bitter days and events that he knew were ahead? (16,17) What would have been your response?

13) Isaiah's name and those of his 2 sons each have prophet significance: Isaiah (Jehovah is Salvation), Shear-jahub (A remnant shall return), and Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

Which name speaks of **Judgment**? Which one speaks of **Grace & Mercy**? Which one of **Promise**?

14) Compare verse 20 with verse 16. The same 2 words appear: Testimony and Teaching (*Torah*). In verse 20 they are reversed. Try to summarize the meaning of verse 20, noting that "Torah" is placed first.