

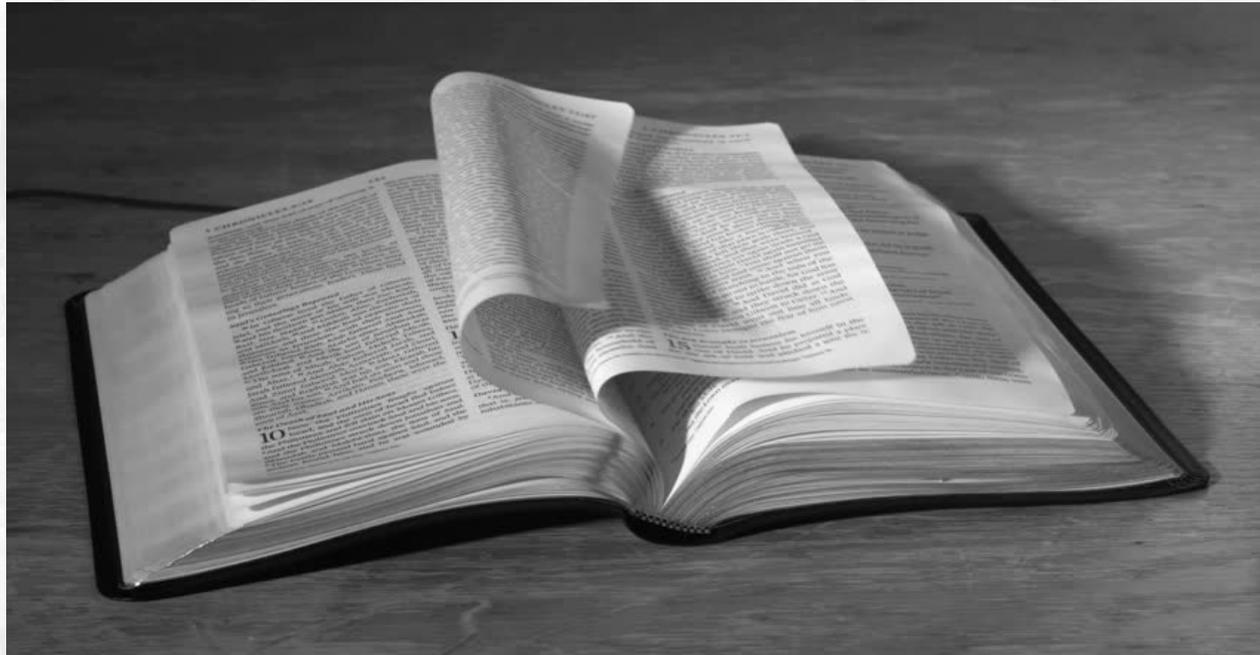
Isaiah Week 10

ISAIAH

THE FIFTH GOSPEL



Please turn to:
Revelation 12: 9



Revelation 12: 9 (NASB)

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

We live in a world presently ruled by a great deceiver, who hates historical truth.

Satan knows that if he can deceive the world on the subject of history, he can keep people from learning from their mistakes and from repeating dangerous actions.

Woodrow Wilson



28th President of the United States (1913-1921).

Woodrow Wilson, quote from election campaign for President

A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about....

**Woodrow Wilson, quote from
election campaign for President**

America was born a

Christian nation. America

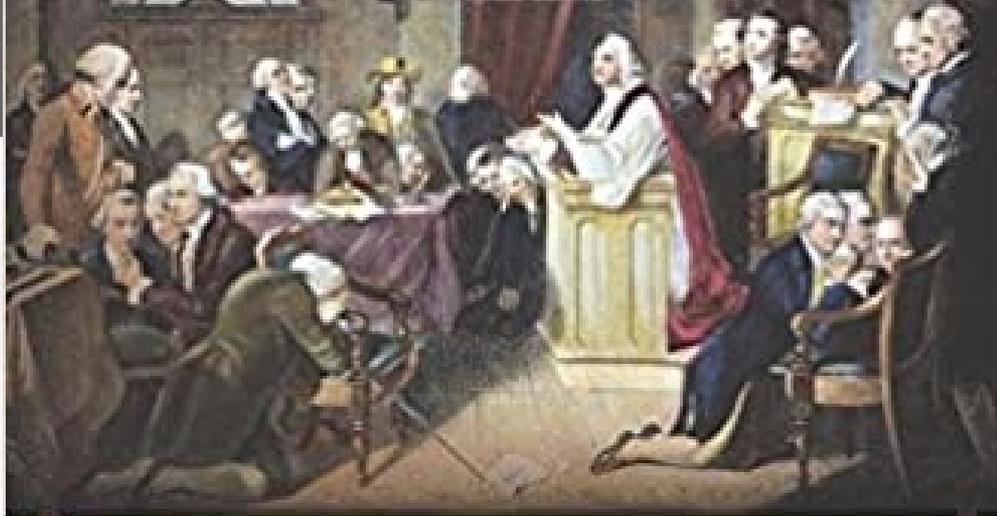
was born to exemplify that

devotion to the tenets of

righteousness which are

derived from the revelations

of Holy Scripture."



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Court upholds rule that House open each day it is in session with prayer

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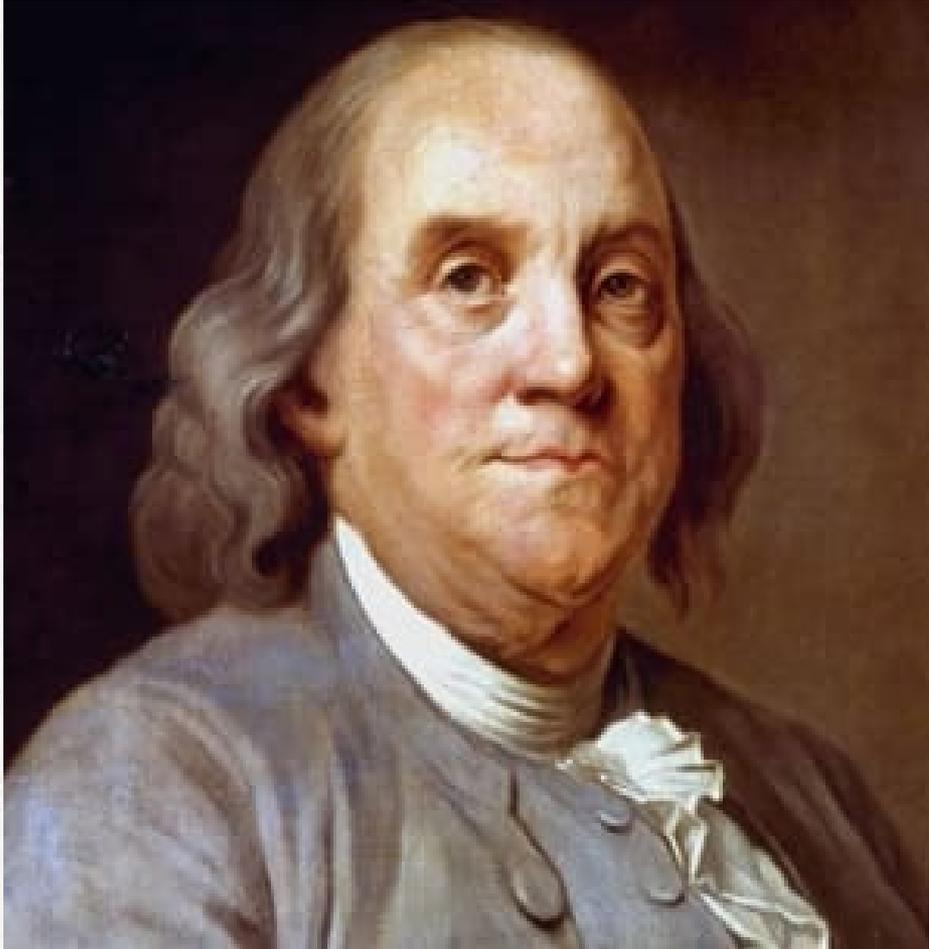
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WASHINGTON — In a unanimous ruling April 19, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit upheld the long-standing requirement of the House of Representatives that it open each day it is in session with a prayer.

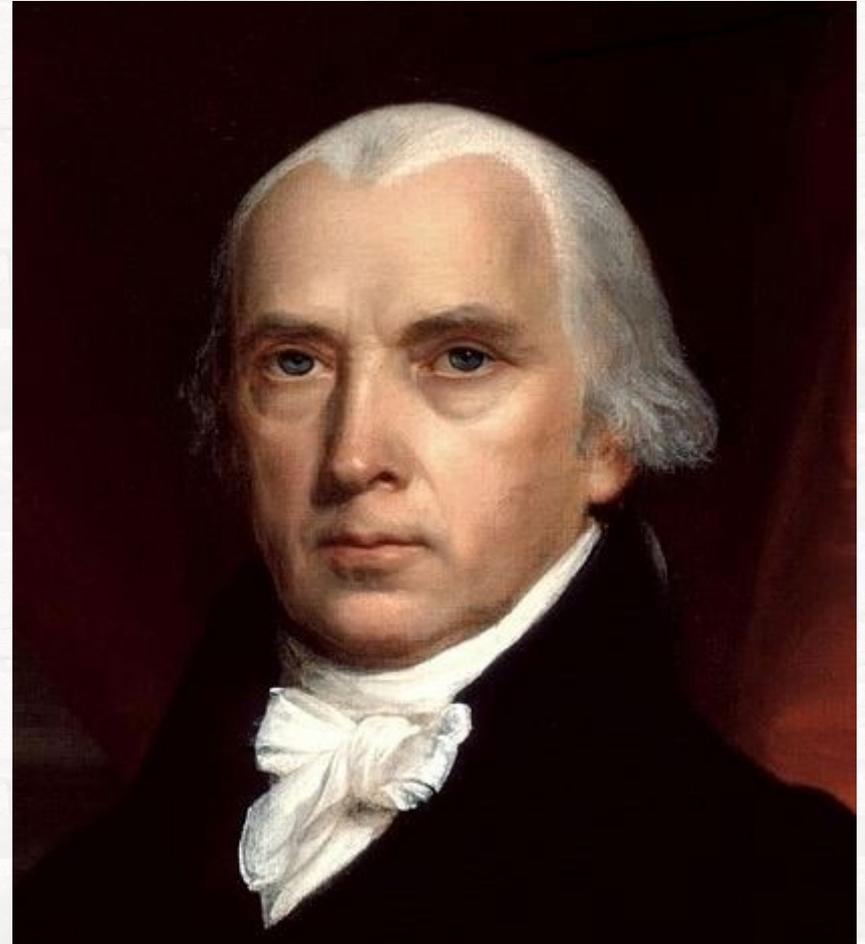
The decision from Judges David Tatel, Douglas Ginsburg and Harry Edwards also confirmed that the U.S. House chaplain, Jesuit Fr. Patrick Conroy, can reject a secular invocation to open the sessions.

"Since 1789, the House of Representatives has begun each legislative day with a prayer," said the court's

History Lesson



Benjamin Franklin



James Madison

It's a matter of congressional record – that on Saturday, July 28th 1787 while in session – Benjamin Franklin rose up and interrupted the partisanship, division and confusion as the founding fathers were drafting the constitution at the constitutional convention.

Franklin's words are
historically documented and
recorded as spoken by James
Madison.

Mr. President

The small progress we have made after four or five weeks close attendance & continual reasonings with each other--- our different sentiments on almost every question,

several of the last producing
as many noes as ays, is
methinks a melancholy proof
of the imperfection of the
Human Understanding.

We indeed seem to feel our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running about in search of it.

We have gone back to ancient history for models of Government,

and examined the different forms of those Republics which having been formed with the seeds of their own dissolution now no longer exist.

And we have viewed
Modern States all round
Europe, but find none of
their Constitutions suitable
to our circumstances. In this
situation of this Assembly,
groping as it were in the
dark to find political truth

and scarce able to distinguish
it when presented to us, how
has it happened, Sir, that we
have not hitherto once
thought of humbly applying
to the Father of lights to
illuminate our
understandings

In the beginning of the
Contest with G. Britain,
when we were sensible of
danger we had daily prayer
in this room for the divine
protection.-

Our prayers, Sir, were heard,
& they were graciously
answered. All of us who
were engaged in the struggle
must have observed frequent
instances of a superintending
providence in our favor.

To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity.

And have we now forgotten
that powerful friend? or do
we imagine that we no
longer need his assistance?

I have lived, Sir, a long time,
and the longer I live, the
more convincing proofs I see
of this truth that God
Governs in the affairs of
men.

And if a sparrow cannot fall
to the ground without his
notice, is it probable that an
empire can rise without his
aid?

We have been assured, Sir, in
the sacred writings, that
"except the Lord build the
House they labour in vain
that build it."

I firmly believe this; and I
also believe that without his
concurring aid we shall
succeed in this political
building no better, than the
Builders of Babel:

We shall be divided by our
little partial local interests;
our projects will be
confounded, and we
ourselves shall become a
reproach and bye word
down to future ages.

And what is worse, mankind
may hereafter from this
unfortunate instance, despair
of establishing Governments
by Human wisdom and
leave it to chance, war and
conquest.

I therefore beg leave to
move-that henceforth
prayers imploring the
assistance of Heaven, and its
blessings on our
deliberations, be held in this
Assembly every morning
before we proceed to
business,

and that one or more of the
Clergy of this City be
requested to officiate in that
Service.

Isaiah 7: 1 (NIV)

When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

Question

Who is joining forces with Aram to attack Jerusalem?

Isaiah 7: 2 (NIV)

*Now the house of David was told,
“Aram has allied itself with
Ephraim”; so the hearts of Ahaz and
his people were shaken, as the trees
of the forest are shaken by the wind.*

Question

Why is the Kingdom of Judah shaking like trees in the wind?

Isaiah 7: 3 (NIV)

Then the Lord said to Isaiah,
*“Go out, you and your son Shear-
Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of
the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on
the road to the Launderer’s Field.*

Question

Who is speaking to Isaiah?

Isaiah 7: 3 (NIV)

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer’s Field.

your son Shear-Jashub

Shear-Jashub doesn't say or do anything, but I believe Isaiah is asked to bring him because of the significance of his name.

Shear-Jashub means:

“a remnant shall return”

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*at the end of the aqueduct of the
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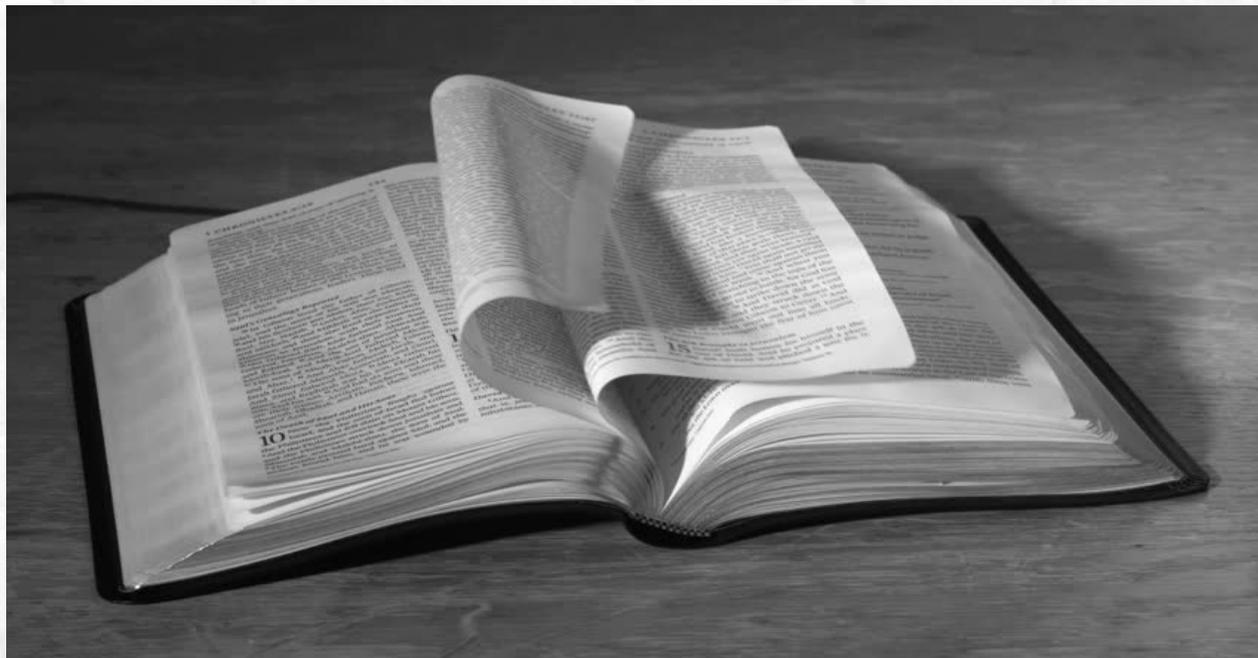
Isaiah is told to go to the very end of the water supply where life giving water is poured into Jerusalem. That water supply comes from the same meaning as “the most high” and is at the upper pool.

*at the end of the aqueduct of the
Upper Pool*

This is pointing to Christ as the
Water or Life!

Please turn to:

John 4: 6-14



John 4: 6-14 (NIV)

Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

John 4: 6-14 (NIV)

(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

John 4: 6-14 (NIV)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4: 6-14 (NIV)

“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

John 4: 6-14 (NIV)

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Isaiah 7: 3 (NIV)

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer’s Field.”

on the road to the Launderer's Field

Launderer's field is a place
where garments were washed
and was known as a place of
cleansing.

*on the road to the Launderer's
Field*

The Lord is telling Isaiah to walk
the path to living water to a
place of cleansing where clothes
are washed!

Isaiah 7: 4 (NIV)

Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood – because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah.

Question

What did Isaiah see coming after him?

Isaiah 7: 1 (NIV)

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Question

What can we learn from this to help us in our daily battles?

Isaiah 7: 5-6 (NIV)

Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's
son have plotted your ruin,
saying, "Let us invade Judah; let
us tear it apart and divide it
among ourselves, and make the
son of Tabeel king over it."

Question

Does this help? Why do you think the Lord is telling Isaiah this frightening news?

Isaiah 7: 7 (NIV)

*Yet this is what the Sovereign
Lord says:*

*“It will not take place,
it will not happen,*

Question

Who is in control?

Isaiah 7: 7 (NIV)

*Yet this is what the Sovereign Lord
says:*

*“It will not take place,
it will not happen,*

Question

How do you think Isaiah feels
now?

Question

What can we learn from this
today?

Isaiah 7: 8 (NIV)

*for the head of Aram is Damascus,
and the head of Damascus is only
Rezin.*

Within sixty-five years

*Ephraim will be too shattered
to be a people.*

History of Israel (The Northern Kingdom)

Around 750 BC the Assyrians were a world leader. They had a ruler by the name of Tiglath-Pileser, also known as Pul. He moved into the Northern Kingdom and forced them to pay taxes and put them under Assyrian domination.

✓ 2 Kings 15: 19

2 Kings 15: 19 (NASB)

*Pul, king of Assyria, came against the land, and *Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his rule.*

**Meneham was the king of the Northern Kingdom at this time*

Tiglath-Pileser



History of Israel (The Northern Kingdom)

After Pul died Shalmaneser became the Assyrian king and he attacked the capital city of the Northern Kingdom -Samaria.

✓ 2 Kings 18: 9

2 Kings 18: 9 (NASB)

Now in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it.

Shalmaneser



History of Israel (The Northern Kingdom)

After Shalmaneser died Sargon became the Assyrian king and he completely destroyed the Northern Kingdom and it was lost forever.

Sargon



History of Israel (The Northern Kingdom)

The Northern Kingdom
went into captivity before
the Southern Kingdom
and the Northern
Kingdom never returned.

Isaiah 7: 9 (NIV)

*The head of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the head of Samaria is only
Remaliah's son.*

*If you do not stand firm in your
faith,*

you will not stand at all.'"

Question

What can we learn from this
today?

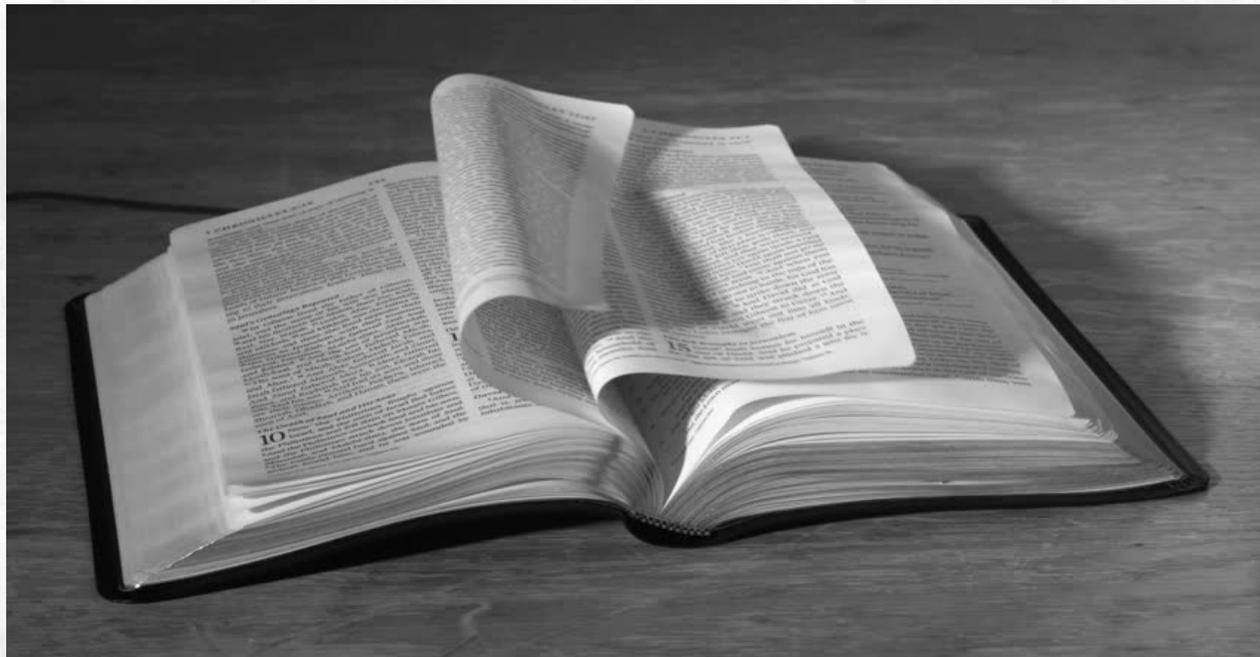
Isaiah 7: 10-11 (NIV)

*Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz,
“Ask the Lord your God for a sign,
whether in the deepest depths or in
the highest heights.”*

Question

How do we know that God's
Word is true?

Please turn to:
Romans 10: 16-17



Romans 10: 16-17 (NIV)

But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

(Isaiah 53:1)

Romans 10: 16-17 (NIV)

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Isaiah 7: 12 (NIV)

But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the Lord to the test.”

Isaiah 7: 13 (NIV)

Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also?”

Question

Why do you think Ahaz's answer angered Isaiah?

Ahaz was lying! He was pretending to be religious and holier than Isaiah, however Ahaz was already making plans to ask for help from man and not from God.

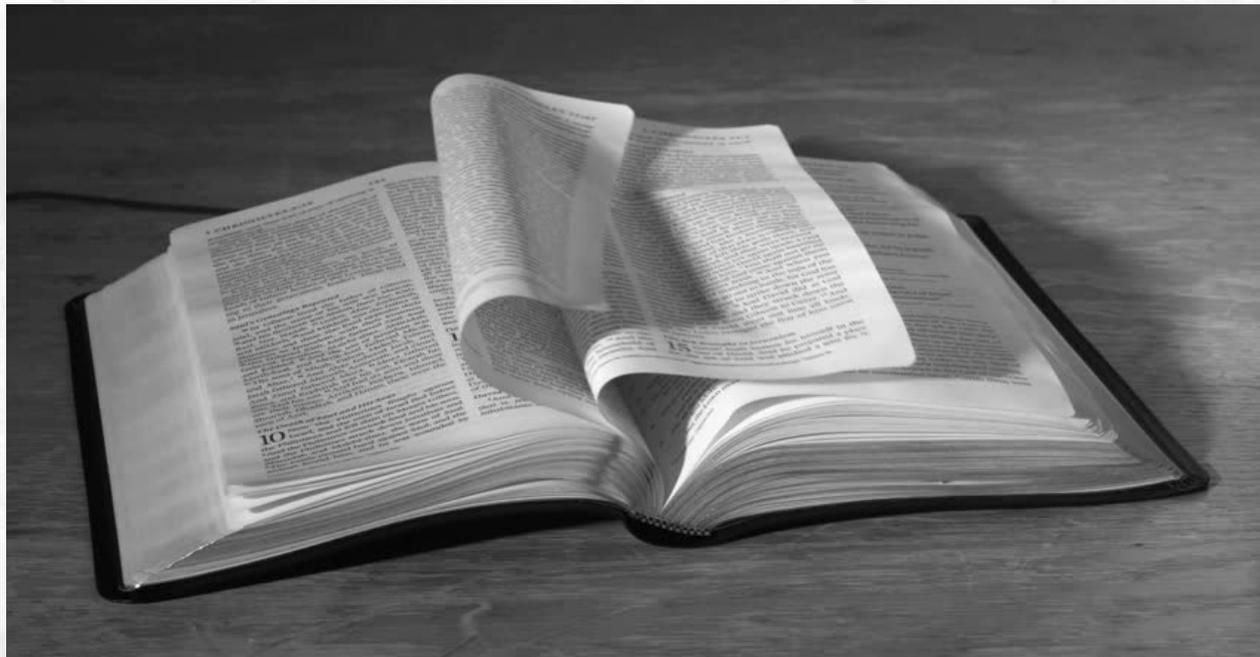
Question

Do we see people today
pretending to be holy for sinful
and prideful motives?

Question

How do we know Ahaz was
lying?

Please turn to:
2 Kings 16: 5, 7-8



2 Kings 16: 5 (NIV)

Then Rezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem and besieged Ahaz, but they could not overpower him.

2 Kings 16: 7-8 (NIV)

Ahaz sent messengers to say to Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, "I am your servant and vassal. Come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Aram and of the king of Israel, who are attacking me."

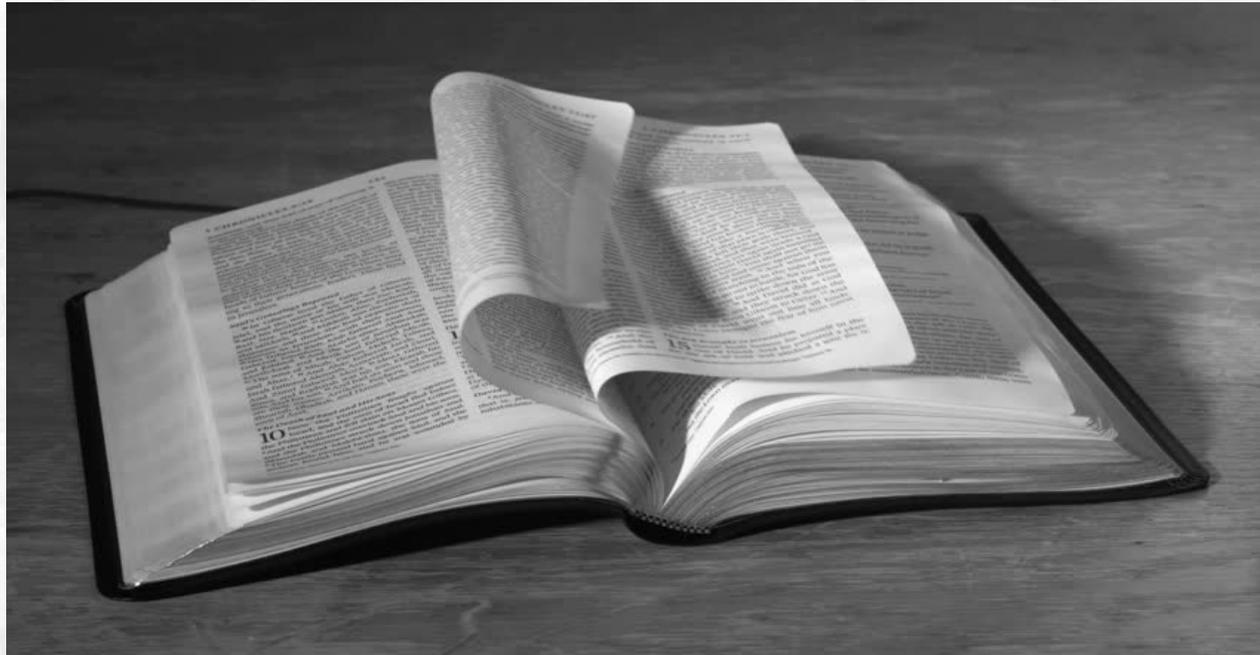
2 Kings 16: 7-8 (NIV)

And Ahaz took the silver and gold found in the temple of the Lord and in the treasuries of the royal palace and sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

Question

What do we typically do when
we do not trust God?

Please turn to:
Genesis 15: 1-5



Genesis 15: 1-5 (NIV)

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward.”

Genesis 15: 1-5 (NIV)

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Genesis 15: 1-5 (NIV)

Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir."

Genesis 15: 1-5 (NIV)

He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.”

Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

Question

What did God just promise
Abraham?

Question

Were Abraham and Sarah
young?

Genesis 17: 17 (NIV)

Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?"

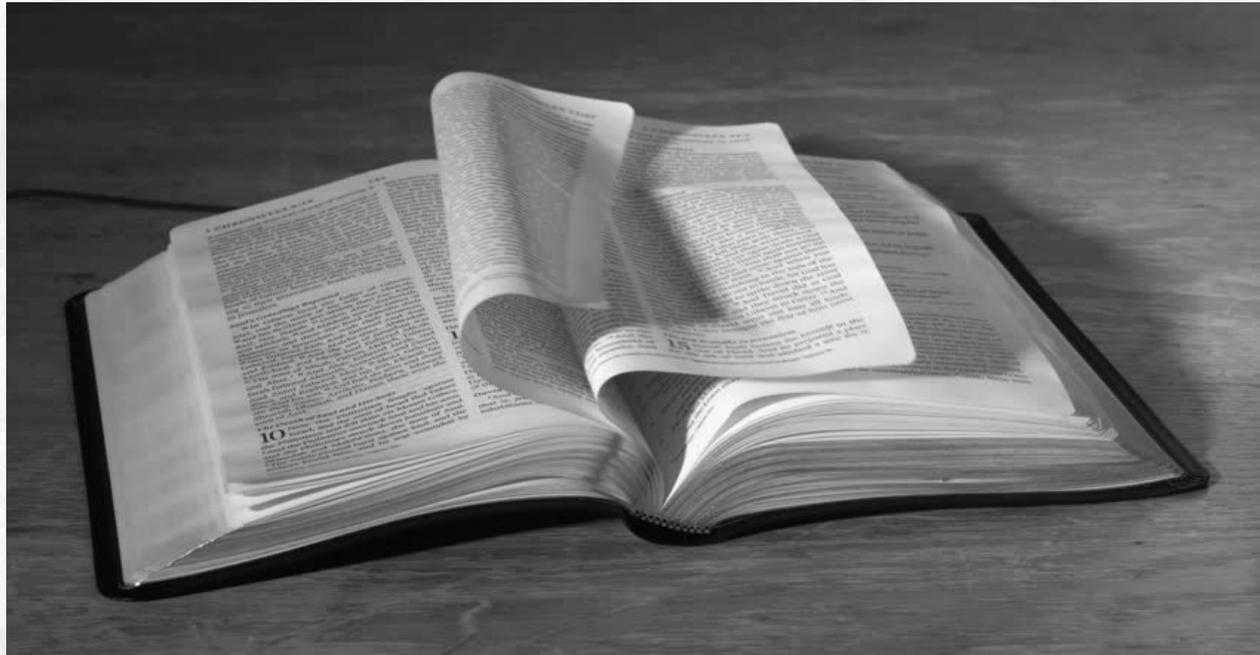
Question

Do you think Abraham and Sarai believed God?

Question

What did they do since they did not trust God to fulfill His promise?

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Genesis 15: 1-5



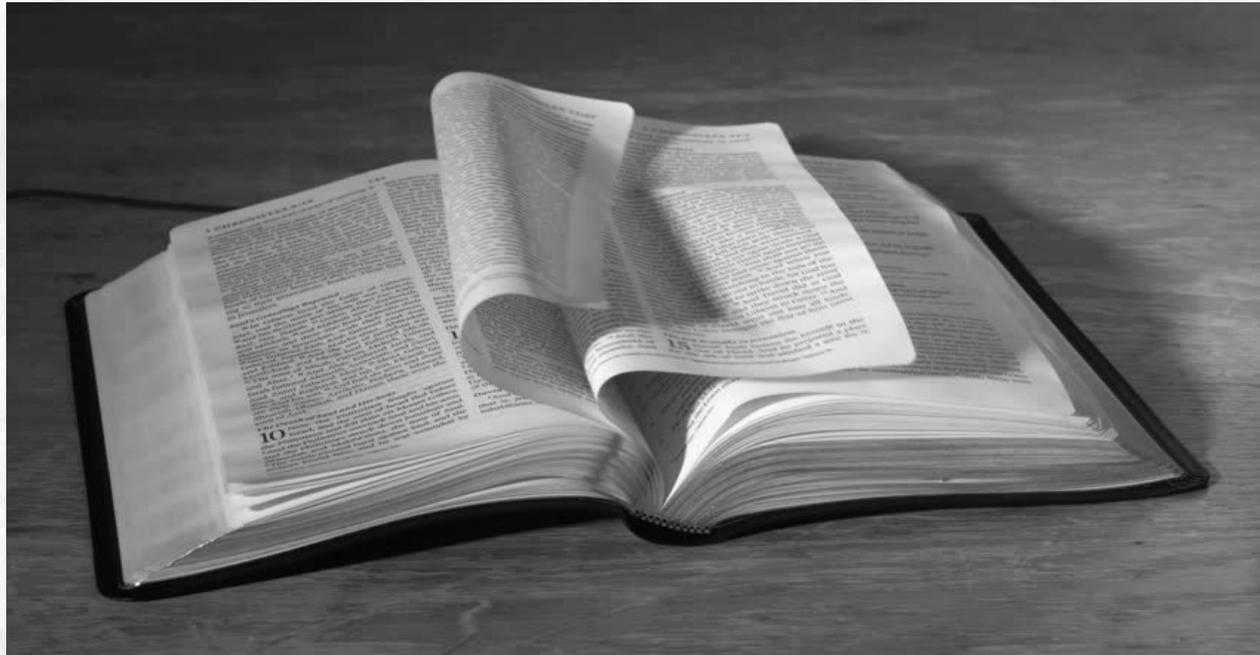
Genesis 15: 1-5 (NIV)

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. But she had an Egyptian slave named Hagar; so she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Go, sleep with my slave; perhaps I can build a family through her."

Genesis 15: 1-5 (NIV)

Abram agreed to what Sarai said. So after Abram had been living in Canaan ten years, Sarai his wife took her Egyptian slave Hagar and gave her to her husband to be his wife. He slept with Hagar, and she conceived.

Please turn to:
Genesis 16: 7-12



Genesis 16: 7-12 (NIV)

The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring in the desert; it was the spring that is beside the road to Shur. And he said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

"I'm running away from my mistress Sarai," she answered.

Genesis 16: 7-12 (NIV)

Then the angel of the Lord told her, "Go back to your mistress and submit to her." The angel added, "I will increase your descendants so much that they will be too numerous to count."

Genesis 16: 7-12 (NIV)

The angel of the Lord also said to her:

“You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son.

You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery.

Genesis 16: 7-12 (NIV)

*He will be a wild donkey of a man;
his hand will be against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he will live in hostility
toward all his brothers."*

Question

What ultimately happens when we do it our way and not God's way?

It is believed that Arabian Muslims are direct descendants of Ishmael. In fact, Muhammad was a major proponent of this idea, claiming to be a descendant of Ishmael according to the Quran.

According to missionary and author Kenneth Fleming, “what we know for certain seems to support the theory that the Ishmaelites are, at the very least, a major element in the Arab genetic line. Old records clearly link the north Arabians with Ishmael’s descendants”

Question

Near and Far Prophecies:

Do you remember that God gives Isaiah prophecies about events occurring in Isiaiah's lifetime and then prophecies about events in his far future.

Why do you think God does this?

Isaiah 7: 14 (NIV)

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Question

Who is this prophecy about?