

**Immanuel,
God With Us**

**BUILDING
BLOCKS**

SEARCHING FOR THE **K I N G**

Throughout our search for our King, we've returned again and again to Jesus' words after his resurrection from the dead in [Luke 24](#):

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and **the Prophets** and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ([Luke 24:44](#))

Hundreds of years before Jesus lived, died, and came out of the grave, God used **prophets** to tell **BEFORE** the Christ came who the Christ would be and what he would do. Prophets **prophesied**. They talked about things **BEFORE** they actually happened. How did they know what would happen? **GOD** told them and used them to tell the people what was going to happen.

Isaiah is one of those prophets in our Old Testament. He was led by the Holy Spirit to speak up for God during a very sad time in Israel's history. "They have rebelled against me," the LORD sadly said in [Isaiah 1:2-4](#). "Israel does not know, my people do not understand."

But in [Isaiah 6:1-8](#), Isaiah saw something **AMAZING**. Just listen: "I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." God calls Isaiah to be a prophet—a spokesman for God—to the children of Israel. But what would God say through Isaiah to this "sinful nation"?

In [Isaiah 7](#), God made a very special promise:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name _____ . ([7:14](#))

Only God could make and fulfill such an amazing promise, and he did, in [Matthew 1:18-25](#). Listen carefully to what Matthew says about Jesus' birth:

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, _____). ([Matthew 1:22-23](#))



Everything written about the Christ in the Prophets—including [Isaiah 7](#)—is fulfilled in Jesus.

FOUNDATION STONES



Can you find [Isaiah 1](#) again in your Bible? If things were as bad in Israel as God describes in [Isaiah 1:1-4](#), why didn't he just give up on all of them?

What does it mean to “[fulfill](#)” a prophecy ([Matthew 1:22](#))?

Jesus is “[God with us](#)” ([Matthew 1:23](#)). What does that mean? Why is it **GREAT** news?

