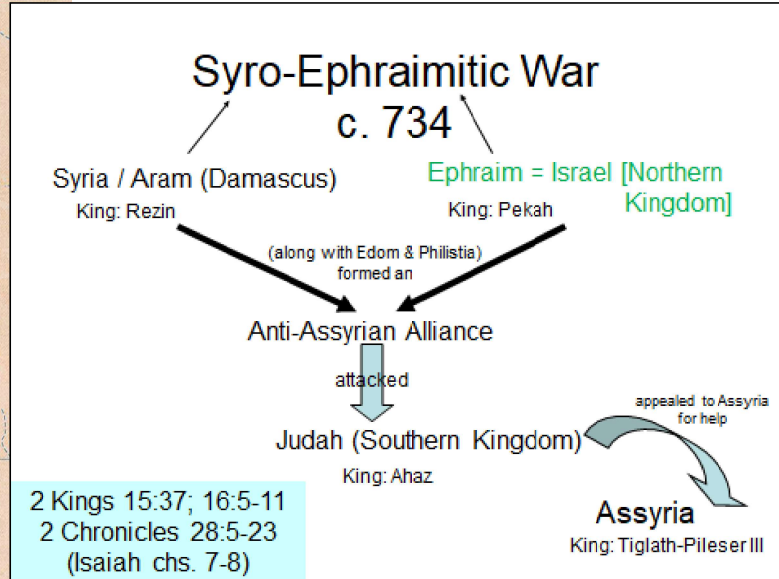


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Response to Situation (v. 2)

2 And it was told the house of David, saying: 'Aram [Syria] has encamped with Ephraim [Israel = N. KgdM].'
And his heart shook,
and the hearts of the people
were like the shaking of the trees of the field before a wind.

Prophecy of Salvation (vv. 3-9)

(to instill faith that God will deliver)

3 And Yahweh said to Isaiah:
"Go-out, now, to encounter Ahaz,
you and Shear-Yashub, your son
to the end of the water-course
of the upper pool.
to the road of the laundryman's field.



4 and you will say to him:

“Take care,
and be quiet;
you shall not fear,
and your heart shall not be weak,

on account of these two stubs of smoking firebrands,
--the burning anger of Rezin and Aram,
and the son of Remaliah—

5 because Aram has planned evil against you,
(along with) Ephraim and the son of Remaliah,
saying:

6 “Let us go up against Judah,
and let us terrorize it,
and let us make a breach for ourselves,
and let us appoint a king in its midst
--(that is) the son of Tabeel.”

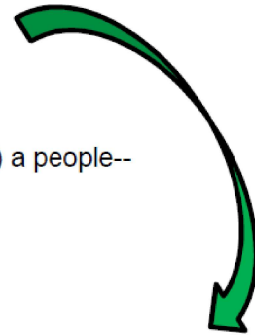
7 Thus says the Lord Yahweh,

“It shall not stand,
and it shall not be.

8 For the head of Aram is Damascus,
and the head of Damascus is Rezin,
--and within sixty-five years
Ephraim will be shattered from (being) a people--

9 and the head of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.

If you will not assuredly-have-faith,
then you will not be assuredly-established.”



Giving of the Sign (vv. 10-17)

(to confirm the message of deliverance)



Tiglath-Pileser III 3 Successive campaigns 734-732 B.C.

► 734 B.C.
* against Philistines

► 733 B.C.
* against Israel (N. Kgdm)
+ Annexed Gilead & Galilee
(2 Kings 15:29)

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* against Aram (Syria)
+ Captured Damascus
(2 Kings 16:9)

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10 And again Yahweh spoke to Ahaz, saying:

11 "Ask for yourself a **sign** from Yahweh, your God.
Make-(it)-deep to Sheol [Underworld],
or make (it) high to (the) Height [Heavenlies]."

12 And Ahaz said:

"I will not ask,
and I will not test Yahweh."

13 And he said:

"Hear, now, O house of David.
Is it (too) small-a-thing for you [plural] to weary men,
that you weary also my God?"

14 Therefore the Lord,
he will give to you [plural] a **sign**:

Behold, **the young woman/virgin** **is/will be** pregnant
and is bearing a son,

and she will call his name 'Immanu-el' ["with us is God"].

15 **Curd and honey, he will eat**

16 For **up-to his knowing to refuse evil and to choose good.**
before the boy knows to refuse evil and to choose good,
the ground will be forsaken
which you fear on account of its two kings.

17 Yahweh will bring on you,
and upon your people,
and upon your father's house,
days which have not come since
that **day** Ephraim turned-away from Judah
--(that is) the King of Assyria.

What is the "Sign"?
1) Manner of Birth?
2) Name?
3) Food Eaten?
4) Time Element?

Elaboration on the Coming Day (vv. 18-25)

→ 18 And it will be **in that day**,
Yahweh will whistle for the fly that is in the remotest-part (i.e, the Delta) of the rivers of Egypt,
and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19 And all of them will come
and will settle on the steep ravines,
and on the ledges of the cliffs,
and on all the **thorn-bushes**,
and on all the pastures **(or, brambles)**.

→ 20 **In that day**, the Lord will shave with a razor
(that is) hired from regions beyond the (Euphrates) River
--(that is) with the king of Assyria—
the head and the hair of the legs;
and also the beard, it will remove.

→ 21 And it will be **in that day**,
a man will keep alive a calf of the cattle-herd, and two of the (sheep)-flock.

22 And it will be from the abundance of producing milk, **he will eat curd**.
For **curd and honey** everyone remaining in the midst of the land will eat.

→ 23 And it be **in that day**,
every place will be,
where there (should) be a thousand vines (worth) a thousand pieces-of-silver,
for brier(s) and thorn(s) it will be.

24 With arrows and with bow one will come there,
for brier(s) and thorn(s) will be (in) all the land.

25 And all the hills which with the hoe were dug,
you shall not come there
(because) of fear of **the brier(s) and thorn(s)**.
And it shall be for a place-of-sending-forth oxen,
and for a trampling-place of sheep