



Jesus Birth: Before and After

Emmanuel: God With Us

God Is With Us Today!

What does that mean to you?
Is God just hanging around watching what's going on or is He dynamically involved in every moment of your life?

A. What did 'Emmanuel' mean to Isaiah? *Isa 7-8*

The background of the origin of this prophetic word has to do with Judah during the divided kingdom (Judah and Israel).

- Assyrian Empire: Threat to everyone
- Syria and Israel: Wanted a coalition with Judah
- King Ahaz: King of Judah wavered
- Isaiah: Prophesied to Ahaz about a **sign**
 - Hope for Israel
 - Judgment on enemies
 - Deliverance and grace
- Isaiah's full understanding. *Isa 9:6-7*

B. What did 'Emmanuel' mean to Matthew? *Matt 1:19-23*

Matthew was writing to a Jewish audience so it would be important to know how they would understand 'Emmanuel.'

- As with the first 'Emmanuel' so with the second: Jesus 'Emmanuel' would bring...
 - Hope for Israel
 - Judgment on enemies
 - Deliverance and grace
- To Matthew this was the 'Good News'
- Matthew wrote the 'generation' or genealogy of Jesus, the *Son of David* [right to the throne] the *Son of Abraham* [the promise] and then announces 'GOD IS WITH US.'

C. What does 'Emmanuel' mean to you?

Everyone has an opinion about God. Many acknowledge that He exists in some form or another. But is God REALLY with us?

- If you know Christ [the Messiah] as your personal savior then just like Isaiah and Matthew and anyone who believes the prophetic Word of God—Emmanuel means...
 - Hope for you [Israel and mankind]
 - Power over the enemy of our soul
 - Deliverance from sin and by Gods loving grace

*We know how God would act if he were in our place—
he has been in our place.*

A. W. Tozer (1897–1963)

No one could ever have found God; He gave himself away.

Meister Eckhart (1260–1327)

Emmanuel

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. :7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Mat 1:19-23 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. :20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. :21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." :22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: :23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which is translated, "God with us."