Two Signs: Isaiah’s Two Sons

Or were there three? Some read Isaiah 7:3 and say that Isaiah’s first son was a young man before the “sign” was given regarding the “virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son.” If this is true, then Isaiah must have had a new wife prior to the conception of a second son. Yet another son is also prophesied to be a “sign.” So, were there two or three sons, and did Isaiah have more than one wife?

Why would this be of importance to us?

It is important because Isaiah said that God gave him sons that would be “signs.” And if we are to recognize and understand the signs, then we need to know who the sons were.

Isaiah 8:18:

“Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the Lord Almighty, who dwells on Mount Zion.”

Isaiah’s first son was named Shear-Jashub. The name means “A remnant shall return.” (Return to be converted.) And indeed, a remnant was converted at the first advent of Jesus, and became the nucleus of the church. The very foundation of the church was the twelve apostles, who were all Israelites. And it was recorded that on the day of Pentecost, a few weeks after Jesus’ death, there were 3,000 who were baptized – all Israelites. And when we multiply the Gematria of his name, Shear-Jashub will bear the number 2160 – the lunar number: it being the diameter of the moon, in miles. The number 216 refers to Jesus in many ways. John called him the “Word.” In Psalm 28:2 he is called the “Oracle,” which has a Gematria value of 216. The Hebrew word for “Word” also has a Gematria value of 216. He was also called the “Lion” of Judah, which has a Gematria value of 216. The Hebrew word for “breath” also has a value of 216; and the phrase “He shall speak” has a value of 216. Unmistakably, the number in symbol applies to Jesus Christ.

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 Washerman’s Field.”

So Isaiah went, as the Lord had instructed him, taking his firstborn son with him. May I suggest that this firstborn son, whom they had named Shear-Jashub, was probably still a baby in arms. Why? Because he was a “sign.”

But apparently Ahaz did not recognize the child as a “sign.” So God spoke to Ahaz and said, “Ask the Lord your God for a sign.” But Ahaz said “No” – he would not ask for a sign. By this time Isaiah was losing patience with the king and told him that he would get a sign anyway, whether he liked it or not.

Isaiah, with the baby in his arms, proceeded to tell Ahaz that here is the sign:

“The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right.”
And I can just picture Isaiah holding out the child and saying: “And here he is!”

Note that Isaiah told Ahaz that the child was to be named Immanuel, which means “God with us.” But in reality they named him Shear-Jashub. And years later, when the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph (the husband of Mary) he acknowledged that the child was to be named Immanuel, yet they called him Jesus.

Then, we are told, Isaiah had a second son. It does not say how much time elapsed between the births of these two sons, it just says that they were signs.

“Then I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and gave birth to a son. And the Lord said to me, ‘Name him Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz. Before the boy knows how to say ‘My Father’ or ‘My Mother,’ he will carry off the wealth of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria.’”

First, it should be noted that the use of the word “prophetess” here does not suggest she was also a prophet. A prophetess in those days simply meant that she was the wife of a prophet. And note also that it says nothing about her being a virgin. By this time she was no longer a virgin – this was her second son.

So, it appears that Isaiah had two sons by one wife, and he and both sons were to be for signs.

Isaiah represents God.
First son represents Jesus (first advent – first Manchild)
Second son represents Jesus (second advent – second Manchild)

Then, after telling us that he and his two sons are to be for “signs,” he describes a birth, and a “Son Placement,” and a rulership. The first Manchild (baby Jesus) grew up and received the Son Placement at 30 years of age – “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” However, when it came time for him to receive rulership (3-1/2 years later) they killed him. The second Manchild was born 2,000 years after the first Manchild, on Rosh Hoshannah 1999. He begins as a tiny baby – a Little Stone cut from the Mountain of Divine Government. He receives his Son Placement at 30 years of age (Rosh Hoshannah 2029), and his Kingdom 3-1/2 years later, in the spring of 2033.

“For unto us a child is born (infant) to us a son is given (Son Placement at 30) and the government will be on his shoulders (The Kingdom of Jesus Christ, spring 2033). And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Notice the new title – “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
"Prince of Peace" is underlined in red. This title that will be given to him has a Gematria value of 1492. Why? What's so great about that number?

Just look at how this remarkable number is used in scripture!

Isaiah 8:4  

**Before the boy knows how to say ‘My Father’ or ‘My Mother’ he will carry off the wealth of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria.”**

The portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 1492. It is directly identifying him with the One who will be called “**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

And then when Isaiah was describing the time when he should have taken rulership (but they killed him instead), he said (53:7):

**“He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearsers.”**

The portion underlined in red has a number value of 1492.

And then in verse nine Isaiah continues by saying:

**“He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.”**

Again, the portion underlined in red has a Gematria value of 1492.

Why, instead of him taking rulership at that time, did he allow them to kill him? It was because he first must pay the price for the sin of Adam before he could take rulership. The Apostle Paul made this very clear when he called him “**the Last Adam,”** which has a Gematria value of 1492.

But take another look at that remarkable number. In sacred geometry, and Biblical Gematria, there is a principle at work with the relationship of the perimeter of a square with one side of that square. In this case it would be: if the perimeter of a square is 1492, then one side of that square would be 373.

| Perimeter 1492 | = | “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” |
| One side 373    | = | “Word” (Logos) |

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In the Gospel of John (1:1) John calls him the “Word” of God. He uses the Greek word “Logos,” which has a Gematria value of 373. So, by calling Him the “Word,” John was identifying him with the One whom Isaiah called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (1492).

Isaiah, in chapter 60, spoke a prophecy that God gave him concerning the time when the second Manchild would take his place of rulership. He said:

“As arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

“Arise, shine” adds to 373 – it is identifying the One who will bring light to Israel while the rest of the world is in darkness. It is the same One whom John said would be the “Light of the World” – the Word (373).

But wait! Look again! Remember, in the original Hebrew text there were no chapter breaks and no sentence breaks. So let’s see what we find when we join the last verse of chapter 59 with the first verses of chapter 60, just like in the original text. It is magnificent! It gives us the date when it will happen. The portion underlined in blue below has a Gematria value of 5793 – and the portion overlapping and underlined in orange also has a Gematria value of 5793. The spring of 5793 on the Hebrew Calendar is the same as the year 2033 on our Gregorian Calendar. It is giving us the year that the new Ruler, Jesus Christ, arises and shines in Israel and sets up Divine Government.

Isaiah 59:21 - 60:3:

“As for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord. ‘My spirit, who is on you, and my words that I have put into your mouth will not depart from your mouth, or from the mouths of your children, or from their descendants from this time on and forever’ says the Lord. ‘Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.’”

God told Isaiah to name his second son Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz. That’s quite a mouthful. But He had a reason. That mouthful describes the work of Jesus Christ when he overthrows man’s evil governments and sets up Divine Government – for the name means “Spoil quickly, Plunder speedily.” It will indeed be a short work when compared to the 6,000 years of the corruption and oppression of man’s governments.
This is why the constellation Perseus has winged feet and is wielding a sword – he comes to “Spoil quickly” and “Plunder speedily.”

For reasons of clarity and simplicity, let’s lay out these events on a time-line. In previous studies in this series, I have shown evidence that the span of time between the first Manchild and the second Manchild is 2,000 years. The birth of the first Manchild was on Rosh Hoshannah 3760, on the Hebrew Calendar. Add 2,000 years and we are at Rosh Hoshannah 5760 (which is Rosh Hoshannah 1999 on the Gregorian Calendar). On Passover of the Hebrew year 3793, instead of Jesus being crowned King, they put him to death. However, 2,000 years later, in the spring of 5793 (2033), he will indeed come into authority as King. Here is what it looks like graphically.

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(Isaiah 8:18)
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