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KING AHAZ
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Week 7: Holy Spirit
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Isaiah 11:2

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Questions...

Why do we...

Why do I...

Why do you...

... need the Holy Spirit?

What do we...

What do I...

What do you...

... do to grow in relationship with
the Holy Spirit?

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Isaiah

Bowling, A. C. (2017). [2 Kings](#). In E. A. Blum & T. Wax (Eds.), *CSB Study Bible: Notes* (pp. 576–580). Holman Bible Publishers.

אָחָז, 'chz; shortened form of
יְהוָה אָחָז, yhw'chz, meaning:

**“He [Yahweh] has held,
grasped”**

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Scripture references for Ahaz:

2 Kings 15:38-16:20

2 Kings 17:1

2 Chronicles 27:9-28:27

2 Chronicles 29:19

Isaiah 7

Isaiah 14:28

Isaiah 38:8

Micah 1:1

Matthew 1:9

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Who is Ahaz?

2 Kings 15:38-

16:4

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³⁸ Jotham rested with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of his ancestor David. His son Ahaz became king in his place.

16 *In the seventeenth year of Pekah (Israel's king) son of Remaliah, Ahazson of Jotham became king of Judah. ² Ahaz was 20 years old when he became king and reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. He did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord his God like his ancestor David ³ but walked in the way of the kings of Israel. He even made his son pass through the fire, imitating the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had dispossessed before the Israelites. ⁴ He sacrificed and burned incense on the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree.*

Cross Reference: **2 Chronicles 28:1-4**

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Who is Ahaz? 2 Kings 16:5-6

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⁵ Then Aram's(Syria) King Rezin and Israel's King Pekah son of Remaliah came to wage war against Jerusalem. They besieged Ahaz but were not able to conquer him. ⁶ At that time Rezin king of Aram(Syria) recovered Elath for Aram and expelled the Judahites (JEWS) from Elath. Then the Arameans came to Elath, and they live there until today.

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Who is Ahaz? 2 Kings 16:3

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- ³ *but walked in the way of the kings of Israel. He even made his son pass through the fire, imitating the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had dispossessed before the Israelites. HCSB*
- ³ *Instead, he walked in the ways of Israel's kings. He even burned his own son alive, imitating the detestable practices of the nations that the Lord had driven out before the Israelites. CEB*
- Cross Reference: **2 Chronicles 28:1-4**

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Who is Ahaz? 2 Chronicles 28:5-8

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⁵ So the Lord his God handed Ahaz over to the king of Aram. He attacked him and took many captives to Damascus.

Ahaz was also handed over to the king of Israel, who struck him with great force: ⁶ Pekah son of Remaliah killed 120,000 in Judah in one day—all brave men—because they had abandoned the Lord God of their ancestors. ⁷ An Ephraimite warrior named Zichri killed the king's son Maaseiah, Azrikam governor of the palace, and Elkanah who was second to the king. ⁸ Then the Israelites took 200,000 captives from their brothers—women, sons, and daughters. They also took a great deal of plunder from them and brought it to Samaria.

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Who is Ahaz? 2 Chronicles 28:9-12

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⁹ A prophet of the Lord named Oded was there. He went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, "Look, the Lord God of your ancestors handed them over to you because of His wrath against Judah, but you slaughtered them in a rage that has reached heaven. ¹⁰ Now you plan to reduce the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, to slavery. Are you not also guilty before Yahweh your God? ¹¹ Listen to me and return the captives you took from your brothers, for the Lord's burning anger is on you." ¹² So some men who were leaders of the Ephraimites—Azariah son of Jehohanan, Berechiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai—stood in opposition to those coming from the war.

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Who is Ahaz? 2 Chronicles 28:13-15

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¹³ They said to them, "You must not bring the captives here, for you plan to bring guilt on us from the Lord to add to our sins and our guilt. For we have much guilt, and burning anger is on Israel." ¹⁴ The army left the captives and the plunder in the presence of the officers and the congregation. ¹⁵ Then the men who were designated by name took charge of the captives and provided clothes for their naked ones from the plunder. They clothed them, gave them sandals, food and drink, dressed their wounds, and provided donkeys for all the feeble. The Israelites brought them to Jericho, the City of Palms, among their brothers. Then they returned to Samaria.

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2 Kings

16:7-9

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*⁷ So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "**I am your servant and your son.** March up and save me from the power of the king of Aram and of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me." ⁸ Ahaz also took the silver and gold found in the Lord's temple and in the treasuries of the king's palace and sent them to the king of Assyria as a gift. ⁹ So the king of Assyria listened to him and marched up to Damascus and captured it. He deported its people to Kir but put Rezin to death.*

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This took place during the reign of Ahaz, son of Jotham, son of Uzziah king of Judah: Rezin king of Aram, along with Pekah, son of Remaliah, king of Israel, waged war against Jerusalem, but he could not succeed. ² When it became known to the house of David that Aram had occupied Ephraim, the heart of Ahaz and the hearts of his people trembled like trees of a forest shaking in the wind. ³ Then the Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out with your son Shear-jashub to meet Ahaz at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, by the road to the Fuller's Field. ⁴ Say to him: Calm down and be quiet. Don't be afraid or cowardly because of these two smoldering stubs of firebrands, the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram, and the son of Remaliah. ⁵ For Aram, along with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has plotted harm against you. They say, ⁶ 'Let us go up against Judah, terrorize it, and conquer it for ourselves. Then we can install Tabeel's [the bad one] son as king in it.'" ⁷ This is what the Lord God says: It will not happen; it will not occur. ⁸ The head of Aram is Damascus, the head of Damascus is Rezin (within 65 years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people), ⁹ the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.

If you do not stand firm in your faith, then you will not stand at all.

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The Immanuel Prophecy

¹⁰ Then the Lord spoke again to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask for a sign from the Lord your God—from the depths of Sheol to the heights of heaven." ¹² But Ahaz replied, "I will not ask. I will not test the Lord."

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Who is Ahaz? 2 Kings 16:10-16

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2 Chronicles 28

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¹⁰ King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria. When he saw the altar that was in Damascus, King Ahaz sent a model of the altar and complete plans for its construction to Uriah the priest. ¹¹ Uriah built the altar according to all the instructions King Ahaz sent from Damascus. Therefore, by the time King Ahaz came back from Damascus, Uriah the priest had completed it. ¹² When the king came back from Damascus, he saw the altar. Then he approached the altar and ascended it. ¹³ He offered his burnt offering and his grain offering, poured out his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his fellowship offerings on the altar. ¹⁴ He took the bronze altar that was before the Lord in front of the temple between his altar and the Lord's temple, and put it on the north side of his altar. ¹⁵ Then King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, "Offer on the great altar the morning burnt offering, the evening grain offering, and the king's burnt offering and his grain offering. Also offer the burnt offering of all the people of the land, their grain offering, and their drink offerings. Sprinkle on the altar all the blood of the burnt offering and all the blood of sacrifice. The bronze altar will be for me to seek guidance." ¹⁶ Uriah the priest did everything King Ahaz commanded.

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16:17-20**

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17 Then King Ahaz cut off the frames of the water carts and removed the bronze basin from each of them. He took the reservoir from the bronze oxen that were under it and put it on a stone pavement. 18 To satisfy the king of Assyria, he removed from the Lord's temple the Sabbath canopy they had built in the palace, and he closed the outer entrance for the king.

Ahaz's Death

19 The rest of the events of Ahaz's reign, along with his accomplishments, are written in the Historical Record of Judah's Kings. 20 Ahaz rested with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David, and his son Hezekiah became king in his place.

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2 Chronicles 28:19-26

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¹⁹ For the Lord humbled Judah because of King Ahaz of Judah, who threw off restraint in Judah and was unfaithful to the Lord. ²⁰ Then Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria came against Ahaz; he oppressed him and did not give him support. ²¹ Although Ahaz plundered the Lord's temple and the palace of the king and of the rulers and gave the plunder to the king of Assyria, it did not help him.

²² At the time of his distress, King Ahaz himself became more unfaithful to the Lord. ²³ He sacrificed to the gods of Damascus which had defeated him; he said, "Since the gods of the kings of Aram are helping them, I will sacrifice to them so that they will help me." But they were the downfall of him and of all Israel.

²⁴ Then Ahaz gathered up the utensils of God's temple, cut them into pieces, shut the doors of the Lord's temple, and made himself altars on every street corner in Jerusalem. ²⁵ He made high places in every city of Judah to offer incense to other gods, and he provoked the Lord, the God of his ancestors.

Ahaz's Death

²⁶ As for the rest of his deeds and all his ways, from beginning to end, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.

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Applying Isaiah to My Today

ISAIAH:

- What was his biggest concern?
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- Did Isaiah quit being Jewish due to his rotten King?
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Summation:

- Who leads matters.
- Whether I like it or not, God is in control.
- This is not Heaven.
- Little obediences matter as they feed big obediences.
- Long, lifestyle obedience matters.
- Selfishness shows.
- Courage shines.

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AHAZ:

- Faced a dilemma.
 - Refused Wise Counsel.
 - Made ungodly decisions.
 - Opened himself and his nation to changes that were never intended.
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- He never trusted God.
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- Ahaz distanced himself from any community that could hold him responsible.
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- He cannot trust the god he knows because “he” is not a god nor God.

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MYSELF:

- When does my human ambition get in the way?
 - a.) Hurts others.
 - b.) Benefits only me.
 - c.) Uses resources unwisely.
 - d.) when I must compromise biblical ethics to accomplish it.
- When does human ambition turn evil?
 - a.) Cost others their life.
 - b.) Compromise biblical principles/truths.
- How would I respond to my way of life being threatened? To my life being threatened?
- Would I trust my nation's historical God? Would I trust a respected Prophet's/Leader's God?
- Calamity can drive us towards God but what if we do not know Him?
(Know of Him? Is that enough in hard?)