

# Welcome to Calvary Church, Brighton



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the prophet " - Matthew 1:22*

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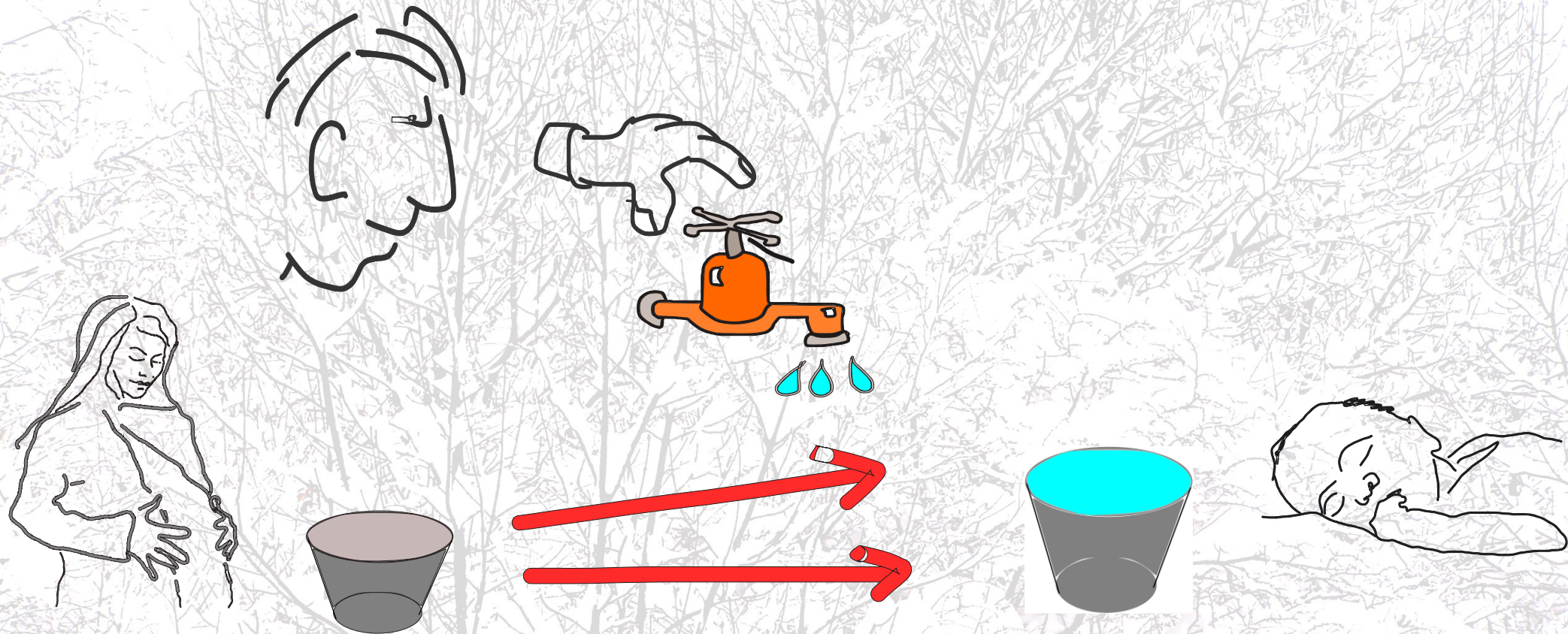
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The birth of Jesus as FULFILMENT

To move from original to full, filled, fullest



# "Jesus - the fulfilment" - Matthew 1:22



Matthew writes the story of Jesus as a story of fulfilment  
Matthew specifically states:

v.22 fulfilment / filling up of words of Lord through Isaiah

2:15 fulfilment / filling up of words of Lord through prophet [Hosea]

2:17 fulfilment / filling up of words of Jeremiah

2:23 fulfilment / filling up of words of prophets

## "Jesus - the fulfilment" - Matthew 1:22

Matthew writes the story of Jesus as a story of **fulfilment**

*"All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means "God with us"*

*Matthew's gospel 1:22,23*



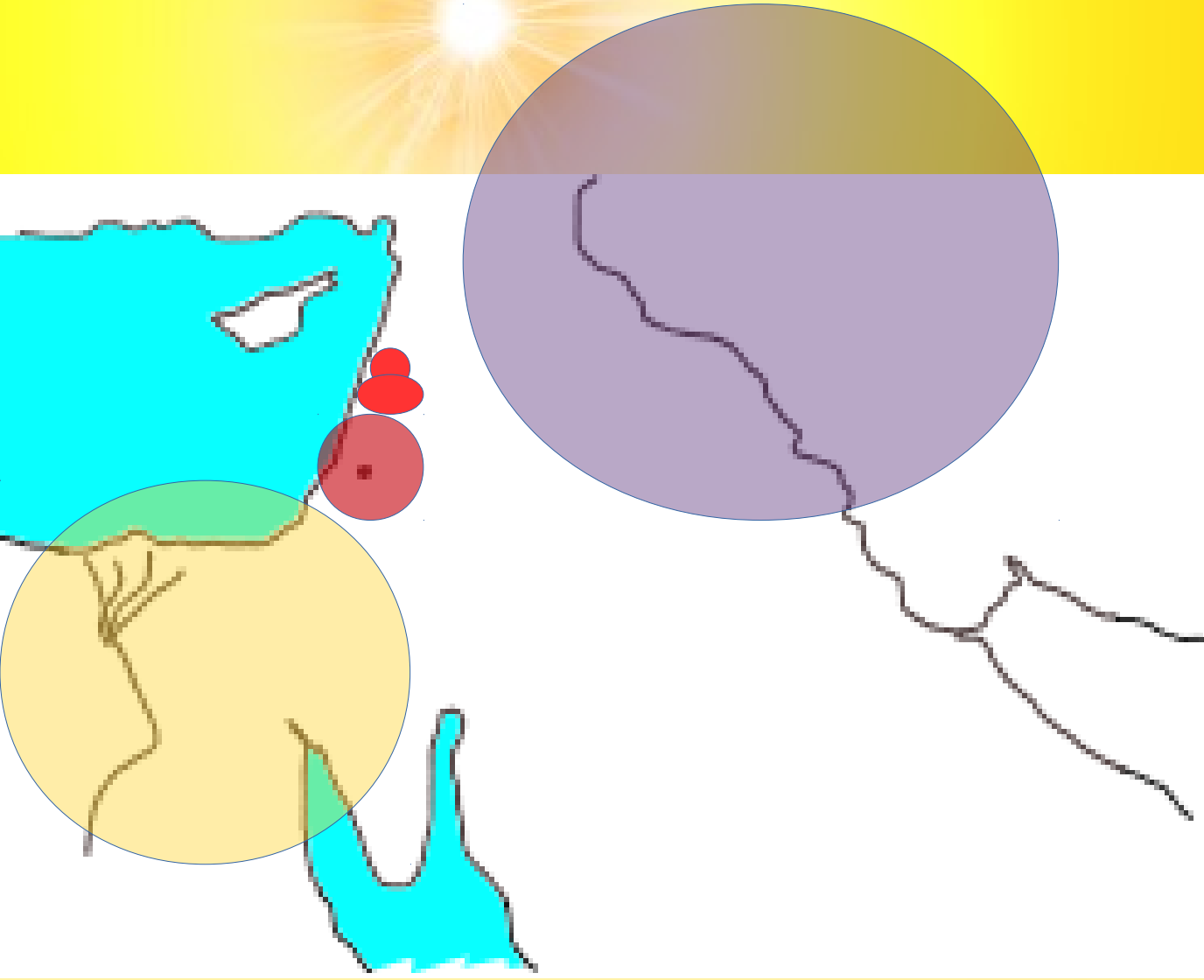
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Quotation is from Isaiah 7

- in order to understand we need to find what it is saying in its context



Isaiah 7:1 "Ahaz ... was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of King of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it ..."



Jerusalem = God's  
HQ

Egypt = Exodus  
rescue from  
slavery, and  
plausible, but  
disappointing  
current ally

Assyria = Rising  
aggressive super  
power - attacker

Israel + Aram

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Date = ~ 736BC

- Place = Jerusalem
  - Enemies Israel + Syria (Aram) in north
  - Enemy Assyria (far North East)
- Issue is whom to fear? whom to rely on? whom to trust?
- And: How to be sure?



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Call to trust under pressure (compare with similar crisis for next generation Hezekiah)

- The nations: weakness, temporary (7:8,9)
  - See 8:12 whom to fear?
- Failure to believe in LORD (v.9)
  - "what we trust in instead of the Lord will eventually turn on us and destroy us"
- Reasons to believe: children with sign-name
  - Shear Jashub "the remnant will return" (7:3),
  - Maher Shalal Hashbaz "the spoil speeds" (8:3), 8:18
  - +/- Immanuel "God with us" (7:14, 8:8)



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The woman and child sign (7:14)

- Virgin = unmarried/recently married young woman (there is another word for technical meaning "virgin")
    - Ahaz's wife? Isaiah's wife?
    - A future woman
    - "Daughter of Zion" 1:8
      - Zion's childbearing or not Isaiah 26:17
  - The child
    - Simply and only Jesus ... N.B. a long way off for Ahaz!
    - Hezekiah (future King)? Already born.
    - Another name for Sh., or M.?
  - The future: "curds and honey" v.15, v.22
    - = nice or nasty?
    - Answer = could be either depending on faith, or stumbling
- Mysterious ... maybe God is filling up all those!



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## The child-sign says

- 1. Don't fear the nations
- 2. Don't trust the nations
- 3. Trust the Lord
  - Who becomes impatient with unbelief (v.13)
  - Who says there is no other way (7:9)
  - Who demands to be treated with seriousness (v.13)
  - Who is able to bring about his purposes for his enemies
  - Who intends to bring about his purposes for his Son (8:14), and all his sons (8:16)

