

See the Sign? (Isaiah 7:10-17)

Introduction: *The 2006 movie – “Children of Men”*: a sign of hope or judgment?

- I. WHAT A SIGN MEANS DEPENDS ON HOW YOU SEE IT (Isaiah 7:10-14)
 - A. The prophet Isaiah brought king Ahaz of Judah a sign of hope: **the sign of Immanuel**
 - B. King Ahaz would not believe God, so for him, **Immanuel** became a sign of judgment
 - C. The **sign of Immanuel** would be fulfilled in a much greater way... in Bethlehem

- II. WHAT A SIGN MEANS DEPENDS ON HOW YOU SEE IT (Matthew 1:18-25)
 - A. God sent an angel to give Joseph the **sign of Immanuel**
 - B. For Joseph & Mary, **Immanuel** was a sign of hope
 - C. What does the **sign of Immanuel** mean for you? (Revelation 1:17; John 14:27; 11:25)

- III. WHAT A SIGN MEANS DEPENDS ON HOW YOU SEE IT
 - A. This is true regarding *The Lord's Supper* (1 Corinthians 11)
 - B. Ridiculed or disregarded, it can be a sign of judgment
 - C. Trusted & celebrated, it is a sign of hope

Conclusion: *The 1970's song: “Sign, Sign, Everywhere A Sign”*