

The Gospel According to Isaiah: For to us a Child is Born

Text: Isaiah 9:1-7

Context - In Isaiah 7, God warned evil king Ahaz through the prophet Isaiah that Assyria, the nation that Ahaz was placing his trust in, would come and destroy Israel and ravage Judah. In Isaiah 8, God prophetically shows the coming Assyrian invasion in detail. Now in Isaiah 9, long after the Assyrians, God's light will shine on the land of Israel through a coming messiah.

Main Idea - The coming Messiah will rule over all, bring His light into the world, and put an end to all wars.

As you meditate on Christmas...

1. _____ the coming of light (vs. 1-3)

- A. The gloom of Israel will pass, giving way to the light of the messiah.
- B. vs. 3 - The nation of Israel will be multiplied out into the world. This is a direct fulfillment of the promise God gave to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:17) and is being accomplished through Christ today.

2. _____ for the end of oppression and war (vs. 4-5)

- A. Israel will no longer be at war with any nation.
- B. Isaiah 2:4 will come to pass, "He will settle disputes among the nations and provide arbitration for many peoples. They will turn their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nations will not take up the sword against other nations, and they will never again train for war."

3. _____ your allegiance to the King and His Kingdom (vs. 6-7)

- A. **Wonderful Counselor** - his wisdom will be unrivaled. **Mighty God** - He will be God in the flesh. **Everlasting Father** - Our eternal protector and king. **Prince of Peace** - He is the ruler whose reign will bring about the peace of nations.
- B. "The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this." God will zealously bring all of these promises to pass in His time.