

To Us a Child is Born (Isaiah 9:1-7)

Christmas Brings Hope – Part 3

Life Church St. Louis – December 20, 2015

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Luke 2:14 (NIV) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Genesis 3:15 (NIV) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

1. _____ was coming

1A. _____ will be banished

Isaiah 9:1 (NIV) Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—

1B. A great _____ will appear

Isaiah 9:2 (NIV) The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

1C. _____ will greatly increase

Isaiah 9:3 (NIV) You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.

1D. _____ will be broken

Isaiah 9:4 (NIV) For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

1E. _____ will cease

Isaiah 9:5 (NIV) Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

2. A _____ will be born

Isaiah 9:6a (NIV) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

2A. He will be called ...

Isaiah 9:6b (NIV) And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- Wonderful _____
- Mighty _____
- Everlasting _____
- Prince of _____

2B. He will reign _____

Isaiah 9:7 (NIV) 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. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

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Intro. Do you see peace on earth in our time?

How did Jesus' birth bring peace on earth (Luke 2:14)?

In what ways is Genesis 3:15 a prophecy about Jesus, the coming Messiah?

How would you explain the true meaning of Christmas to a friend?

- 1A. How did the coming of Jesus lift the gloom for those in distress (Isaiah 9:1)?
- 1B. How can detailed Old Testament prophecies about Jesus help prove the supernatural nature of the Bible (Isaiah 9:1, 7:14)?
- 1C. In what ways was the coming of Jesus a great light (Isaiah 9:2, John 1:4-5, 9)?
- 1D. What joyful harvest do you think Isaiah 9:3 is talking about?
- 1E. How did the coming of Jesus break oppression (Isaiah 9:4)?
- 1F. When will all wars cease (Isaiah 9:5)?

- 1G. How do all the blessings prophesied by Isaiah find their fulfillment in the kingdom of God? How does this relate to Jesus' first and second coming?
- 1H. How can these verses in Isaiah 9:1-5 help you identify people who need Jesus in their lives?
- 2A. What is amazing about the fact that the Son of God was born as a human baby (Isaiah 9:6a)?
- 2B. How is Jesus the Wonderful Counselor (Isaiah 9:6b)?
- 2C. How is Jesus Mighty God (Isaiah 9:6b)?
- 2D. How is Jesus Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6b)?
- 2E. How is Jesus Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6b)?
- 2F. How do these titles refute the idea that Jesus was simply a good teacher?
- 2G. Based on these verses, how would you refute the idea that Christians and Muslims worship the same God?
- 2H. What can you do to help expand the kingdom of God ruled by King Jesus in the New Year?