

## The Hope of the Coming Messiah

Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7

### A. Old Testament Prophecy Is Crucial to the Gospel Message

1. The Gospel is "according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4)
2. Christmas then is a good time to study these prophecies

### B. Isaiah And Prophecies About Jesus

1. The most eloquent of the prophets speaking of Christ's birth.
2. He prophesied during a time of great darkness, oppression, and turmoil.
3. Assyria was threatening Israel, and the people needed hope and deliverance.
4. This passage speaks of God's promise of light in the darkness.
5. (v2): *"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light"*.
6. Christ, the Light of the World, is the ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy.
7. He came into the world & would bring the joy of salvation to all who are lost.
8. This joy is still a reality for believers today.
9. The Messiah's rule will bring deliverance from sin & freedom from oppression.
10. Christ's victory over sin, death, and evil is already won. It is complete!
11. There will be no more war. His peace will reign forever.
12. We are called to live in the peace and freedom that He offers.
13. Let us consider his wonderful introduction to the Savior
14. Isaiah revealed the following about Jesus

### C. His Miraculous Birth (7:14)

1. Isaiah prophesied the virgin birth of Christ
2. The virgin birth was a miracle.
3. *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given"*
4. A humble birth, but one that carries the weight of God's plan for salvation.
5. Miracles surrounding this central miracle
  - a. The angelic announcements (Luke 1:13-20,26- 38; 2:8-14; Matt. 1:20-23)
  - b. The timing of the taxing (Luke 2:1)
  - c. The arrival of the wise men (Matt. 2:1-18)
6. The greatest miracle was the Incarnation (Phil. 2:5-7)
  - a. The miraculous virgin birth was a sign
  - b. The name "Immanuel" (God with us) announced the Incarnation

### D. He Is Given Many Names & Titles (9:6)

1. Wonderful Counsellor: He provides divine wisdom and guidance.
2. Wonderful in His birth, His life, His death, and resurrection
3. Counsellor who understands us
  - a. He cares and is capable and compassionate
  - b. No problem too big for Him to handle
4. Mighty God: He is the powerful Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

5. All things are possible with Him
  - a. Even the wind and waves were subject to Him
  - b. Death could not hold Him
6. The everlasting Father reflects His care and provision for His people.
7. It also reflects A term reflecting the Messiah's eternal nature.
  - a. "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58)
  - b. Offered everlasting life (John 3:16; 5:24)
8. The Prince of Peace brings peace (John 14:27)
9. He is the source of lasting peace, both with God and among humanity.
  - a. Peace *with* God (Rom. 5:1)
  - b. The peace *of* God (Phil. 4:6-7)

#### E. His Magnificent Kingdom (9:7)

1. His government to bring peace to the world
2. He will sit upon the throne of David (Luke:32-33)
3. Justice will be found throughout His kingdom.
4. Other prophecies of Isaiah about this kingdom.
  - a. The poor will receive equity (11:4)
  - b. Enmity between animals ended (11:6-7)
  - c. No more danger to man from animals (11:8)
  - d. Violence taken from the earth (11:9)
  - e. The entire earth becomes productive (35:1-7)
  - f. Great joy characterizes His kingdom (35:10)
5. The Kingdom will have no end, The Messiah will reign forever
6. He will establish justice, righteousness, & peace in His kingdom.
7. Christ's kingdom is not of this world, but it is everlasting.
8. We, as believers, are citizens of that kingdom.

#### F. Conclusion

1. This passage looks at the Hope of the Messiah's Coming.
2. Isaiah 9:1-7 gives us a glimpse into the coming of the Savior—Jesus Christ.
3. He brings light to our darkness, rules with justice, & offers peace and salvation.
4. In the midst of our own struggles and darkness, we are reminded of the hope that Christ brings.
5. His light, His rule, and His eternal peace are available to all who trust in Him.
6. If you are walking in darkness, the light of Christ is available to you.
7. He came to save and offer eternal peace.
8. Accept His light today and live in the joy and freedom He provides.
9. Receive Him by Faith and Know Our Wonderful Lord

#### G. Make Isaiah's Prophesied Savior Your Own