

The Hope for the First Coming Isaiah 9:1-7

I. The Meaning of the Prophecy

A. The context of the prophecy.

B. The deliverance of the nation (Isa. 9:1-5)

¹²Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life." John 8:12 (NASB)

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; ¹³and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

¹⁴This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: ¹⁵"THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES— ¹⁶"THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED." Matthew 4:12-16 (NASB)

C. The identification of the child to be born (Isa. 9:6-7)

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NASB)

¹God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ²in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. Hebrews 1:1-4 (NASB)

1. He will be the king.

³¹"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. ³²"All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; Matthew 25:31-32 (NASB)

2. He will be a counselor who is a wonder.

¹ Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:1-2 (NASB)

3. He will be the mighty God.

²⁰ Now in that day the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel. ²¹ A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. Isaiah 10:20-21 (NASB)

⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." John 8:58 (NASB)

⁷ "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him." ⁸ Philip *said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus *said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" John 14:7-9 (NASB)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. Colossians 1:15 (NASB)

¹⁹ For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, Colossians 1:19 (NASB)

4. He is eternal Father.

³⁰ "I and the Father are one." John 10:30 (NASB)

5. He will be the Prince of Peace

²⁷ "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. John 14:27 (NASB)

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1 (NASB)

6. There will be no end to his rule.

² in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴ they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:2-5 (NASB)

7. He will rule with justice and righteousness.

D. The guarantee of the prophecy's fulfillment (Isaiah 9:7)

Life Group Questions
Isaiah 9:1-7

1. What does the imagery of Jesus being the Light of the World convey about him?
2. Why do you think God did not more clearly distinguish the first and second comings of Jesus?
3. Why do you think Messiah's victory over Israel's enemies is compared to the defeat of Midian by Gideon (Judges 7:19-25)?
4. How has Jesus shattered some of the "yokes" that burden you? What is one yoke you desire him to shatter now?
5. How does this prophecy demonstrate the divine nature of the Messiah?
6. In what different ways is Jesus the Prince of Peace?
7. Which parts of the prophecy are not yet fulfilled?
8. Which of the titles of the Messiah has the most meaning for you? Why?