

Holy Trinity Bible Study - Isaiah Lesson #9a

Primary Sources:

Webb - The Message of Isaiah, Barry G. Webb .

Motyer – The Prophecy of ISAIAH, J. Alec Motyer .

Isaiah 9:1-7

For to Us a Child Is Born

9 ¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,

and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon^[d] his shoulder,

and his name shall be called^[e]

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

“There has been a marked sharpening of the demarcation between the faithful and unfaithful within the visible community of God’s people, between those who respond to the word of God with obedient faith and those who do no, between the true and the false.

“The line that was being drawn in Isaiah’s day is still being drawn today, with the same ultimate issues at stake. Scripture urges us to examine ourselves to see whether we are in the faith.¹²¹ We cannot afford not to do so.”

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Questions to Consider

- 1. There is sharp contrast with this passage and the fearful gloom of closing passages of Chapter 8. How is this possible?**
- 2. In verse 1, where is the light first to appear?**
- 3. What is significant about the light first appears from Isaiah’s perspective?**
- 4. What is the importance of where the light first appears?**
- 5. From verses 4-6, what would you be anticipating as the fulfillment of this prophecy? How is the prophecy actually fulfilled?**
- 6. Who does this prophecy refer to?**
- 7. What is the common thread in chapters 7, 8 and 9 about how God’s purpose is worked?**