

***A Child, A Son,
A Savior***

Isaiah 9:1-7

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Matthew 4:12–14 (CSB) - *When he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:*

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Isaiah 9:1–7 (CSB) - Nevertheless, the gloom of the distressed land will not be like that of the former times when he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali. But in the future he will bring honor to the way of the sea, to the land east of the Jordan, and to Galilee of

the nations.

***²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light; a light has
dawned on those living in the land
of darkness. ³You have enlarged
the nation and increased its joy.
The people have rejoiced before***

*you as they rejoice at harvest time
and as they rejoice when dividing
spoils. ⁴For you have shattered
their oppressive yoke and the rod
on their shoulders, the staff of their
oppressor, just as you did on the
day of Midian. ⁵For every trampling
boot of battle and the bloodied*

garments of war will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and

***forever. The zeal of the LORD of
Armies will accomplish this.***

Christ's birth brings hope, peace, and justice ...

**1. To those living in
Zebulon and Naphtali.**

(those CHASTENED by God)

Isaiah 9:1 (CSB) - Nevertheless, the gloom of the distressed land will not be like that of the former times when he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali. But in the future he will bring honor to the way of the sea, to the land

***east of the Jordan, and to Galilee of
the nations.***

Hebrews 12:5–10 (CSB) - *And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not take the Lord’s discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reprovved by him, ⁶for the Lord disciplines the one he loves and*

punishes every son he receives.”

*⁷Endure suffering as discipline:
God is dealing with you as sons.
For what son is there that a father
does not discipline? ⁸But if you are
without discipline—which all
receive—then you are illegitimate
children and not sons.*

⁹Furthermore, we had human fathers discipline us, and we respected them. Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to

***them, but he does it for our benefit,
so that we can share his holiness.***

Christ's birth brings hope, peace, and justice ...

**2. To those walking in
darkness.**

(those CRUSHED by life)

Isaiah 9:2-5 (CSB) - *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.*
³*You have enlarged the nation and increased its joy. The people have rejoiced before you as they rejoice at harvest time and as they rejoice*

when dividing spoils. ⁴For you have shattered their oppressive yoke and the rod on their shoulders, the staff of their oppressor, just as you did on the day of Midian. ⁵For every trampling boot of battle and the bloodied garments of war will be burned as fuel for the fire.

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3. For us.

(those in COVENANT with God)

Isaiah 9:6–7 (CSB) - *For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

⁷The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will

***reign on the throne of David and
over his kingdom, to establish and
sustain it with justice and
righteousness from now on and
forever. The zeal of the LORD of
Armies will accomplish this.***

- Call him Wonderful
Counselor.

You can go to Him with your
DECISIONS.

- Call him *Mighty God.*

You can go to Him with your
DIFFICULTIES.

- Call him *Eternal Father.*

You can go to Him about your
DESTINY.

- Call him Prince of Peace.

You can go to Him with your
DESPAIR.