

# Isaiah 9

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## “The Royal Hope!”

### 1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. **Spencer** – share on Peru.

### 2. **Hope in the Coming Messiah! (1-21)**

- 2.1. **Messiah!** (1-7)
- 2.1.1. **1<sup>st</sup> Coming!** (1-3)
- 2.1.2. **Start** w/**Mt.4:12-17** (vs.13 – So, He moved to Capernaum? What’s the big deal?)
- 2.1.3. Go to **Jn.7:52** – Go to **2 Kings 14:25** (**Gath-Hepher** 3 m. N.E. of Naz)
- 2.1.3.1. Now see **Zebulun & Naphtali** – These were 2 of the 12 tribes that located west of the Sea of Galilee.
- 2.1.3.2. **They** were the 1<sup>st</sup> to feel the devastation of **Assyria**(in 743bc, & 734 & 732 & ultimately taken captive in 722).
- 2.1.4. Dark to Light – Death to the Dawning of a new day!
- 2.1.5. **Death shadows** - Scary shadows! (But only shadows)
- 2.1.5.1. **Jesus** is the difference between **light & darkness; life & death**(2).  
**He** is also the difference between **joy & sorrow; freedom & bondage**(3,4).
- 2.1.6. **2<sup>nd</sup> Coming!** (4,5)
- 2.1.7. (4) **Yoke & staff** – symbols of oppression.
- 2.1.8. **Both Comings!** (6,7)
- 2.1.9. **Child is born**(humanity, shows human parents)  
**Son is given**(divinity, *given* by the Lord).
- 2.1.10. **Shoulder & Government** – *contrast to vs.4.*
- 2.1.10.1. Like a **robe** upon the shoulder of a king, so **Jesus will don the Kingly robe & govern the nations.**
- 2.1.10.2. And the nation of **Haiti** will say amen. And the nation of **Iraq** will say amen. And the nation of **Afghanistan** will say amen  
 And the nation of **America** will say amen!
- 2.1.10.3. **But what about personally?** As **you** wait for **His** return, be sure “*the government of your life*” is on **His** shoulders.

- 2.1.10.4. "Let Him be to you all that **His names** proclaim, for every name that He **bears** is a **blessing** that He **shares**."<sup>1</sup>
- 2.1.11. (6b) Together these **4 titles** give a beautiful picture of the coming Messiah's **character**.
- 2.1.11.1. **4 titles? I see 5?** – Linguistically it can stand on its own. So, some translations place the comma there.
- 2.1.11.1.1. The remaining nouns however, are linked pairs.
- 2.1.12. **Wonderful Counselor** – i.e. exceptional, or distinguished; or a *supernatural* counselor. [Lit. *a wonder of a counselor!*]
- 2.1.12.1. It is the nearest word Hebrew has to the idea of *supernatural*.<sup>2</sup>
- 2.1.12.1.1. Here, bringing a wisdom far above the human!
- 2.1.12.1.2. A greater than Solomon!
- 2.1.12.2. Judges 13:8 "And the Angel of the LORD said to him (Monoah), "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is **wonderful?**"
- 2.1.12.3. So, the people will gladly listen to Him in that day as the Authoritative One.
- 2.1.13. **Mighty God** – He will be mighty in battle on behalf of Israel.
- 2.1.13.1. He protects His people as a **Warrior!** (our mascot!)
- 2.1.13.1.1. When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."
- 2.1.13.1.2. Right before that it says... *where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.*
- 2.1.13.2. "He is the **Irresistible Battle Champion**, who **will** obtain the **final victory** in the arena of history!"
- 2.1.13.3. The Messiah was to be... God!
- 2.1.14. **Everlasting Father** – or eternal Father; or the Father of eternity!
- 2.1.14.1. Or, the author of eternal life to the redeemed.
- 2.1.14.2. Uh, how could he be both **Son & Father?**
- 2.1.14.3. This isn't saying He **is** God the Father (yes the persons of the Trinity are distinct), but has a **title** here of Father.
- 2.1.14.4. Though they are "one"! - "*One in essence, Three in persons!*"

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<sup>1</sup> Warren Wiersbe; pg.459

<sup>2</sup> Motyer; pg.89

2.1.14.5. Though the formula is **mysterious** & even **paradoxical**, it is in no way **contradictory**.<sup>3</sup>

2.1.14.6. “The doctrine of the Trinity does not fully explain the mysterious character of God. Rather, it sets the boundaries outside of which we must not step.”<sup>4</sup> [Modalism & Tritheism]

2.1.14.7. So this title refers to the Messiahs relationship to **time**, **not** His relationship to the other persons of the Trinity!

2.1.14.7.1. A statement affirming His **eternality** & His **deity**.

2.1.14.8. He is our tender & faithful wise guardian & provider of His people!

2.1.15. **Prince of Peace** – Shalom’s fullest meaning!

2.1.15.1. His *government* brings peace!

2.1.15.2. This anticipates the glorious millennial kingdom when he brings peace to the earth.

2.1.15.2.1. **Q:** Want a foretaste of that today?

2.1.15.2.2. Jn. 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.”

2.1.15.2.3. Jn. 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

2.1.15.3. He will **bring in** Peace – **Maintain** Peace!

2.2. **Judgment to Come!** (8-21)

2.2.1. **Bad Attitude!** (8-12)

2.2.2. Note each of these 3 sections end the same way (12b, 17b, 21b).

2.2.3. **His hand outstretched** – I think we get that picture pretty well.

2.2.3.1. Yet of course to those that are His, it is a spank of chastening love.

2.2.3.2. One day the *wrath of the Lamb* (Rev. 6:16), a vivid contradiction of images, will be seen.

2.2.3.3. Although, I can understand it! – It’s like Pastor Rick & Kathy Mossa’s cute little fluffy **white poodle** named “*Donut*”! – I came up to their car & he about tore off my hand!

<sup>3</sup> R.C. Sproul; pg. 35; Essentials

<sup>4</sup> *ibid*; pg. 36

- 2.2.4. (9) **Judgment is often self-inflicted!**  
 2.2.4.1. This was an **attitude** problem!
- 2.2.4.2. **Pride & arrogance** – This is an **infectious evil** which **spreads dangerously like a rotten apple in a box.**
- 2.2.4.3. (10) They say, “*whatever happens to our kingdom we will rebuild it & even make it better!*”  
 2.2.4.3.1. They are **rejecting God** & denying their **need** of Him.  
 2.2.4.3.2. **A receipt for disaster!** – So God will take action against their arrogance!  
 2.2.4.3.3. **In their hour of need men do not easily or quickly repent**(Rev.16:11).<sup>5</sup>  
 2.2.4.3.4. **In the story of the prodigal son** – the son had to be brought to the **very depths** before he would admit his **sin** & turn back!  
 2.2.4.3.5. “Proud humanity likes to build its own **brave new world** but it is a **fantasy world** doomed to constant failure. As the enemy gets closer there is a stubborn refusal to face the facts.”<sup>6</sup>
- 2.2.5. **Bad Leadership!** (13-17)
- 2.2.6. (13,14) They were **led astray** by the very people that who should have **led them** in the right way.  
 2.2.6.1. **Head & tail** – Both civil & religious leaders in Israel(16).  
 2.2.6.2. **Palm branch & bulrush** – Egyptian leaders.
- 2.2.7. **Bad Results** (18-21)
- 2.2.8. (18) This **self-inflicted** punishment(9) spreads like a forest fire.  
 2.2.8.1. **But God will choose** His weapons of judgment: the nation of Assyria is described as **the rod of my anger**(10:5)
- 2.2.9. (21) Even brother will turn against brother.
- 2.3. **The chapter ends with *the raw passions of jungle morality!*** – how sad.

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<sup>5</sup> Philip Hacking; pg.49

<sup>6</sup> *ibid*; pg.49