

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Online Only Via Facebook Live Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm



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Bible Study Schedule Dec 2021

Date	Study Title	Scriptures
12/1/2021	To Us a Child Is Born: Isaiah's Prophecy	Isaiah 9:1-7
12/8/2021	Season of Wonder: Jesus' Birth	Luke 2:1 – 20
12/15/2021	In Search Of The King: The Magi Meet Jesus	Matthew 2:1-18
12/22/2021	Christmas Break	No Study
12/29/2021	Winter Break	No Study

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This Week's Lesson – December 1, 2021

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Lesson 1:

To Us a Child Is Born: Isaiah's Prophecy

Isaiah 9:1 – 7

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Introduction to the Book of Isaiah

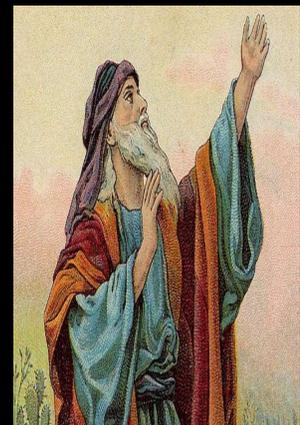
Author: the Prophet Isaiah, son of Amoz (Isa. 1:1)

Date of Writing: between 739 and 681 B.C.

Purpose of Writing: The book of Isaiah reveals God's judgment and salvation via the promised Messiah.

Practical Application:

- Isaiah prophecy correlates to the Bible 66 – books, 66 chapters. 1st 39 chs. OT, 2nd 27 chs. NT.
- Isaiah presents our Savior to us as the in the only way to salvation.
- Through the Messiah, Israel will be a light to all the nations (Isaiah 42:6; 55:4-5).



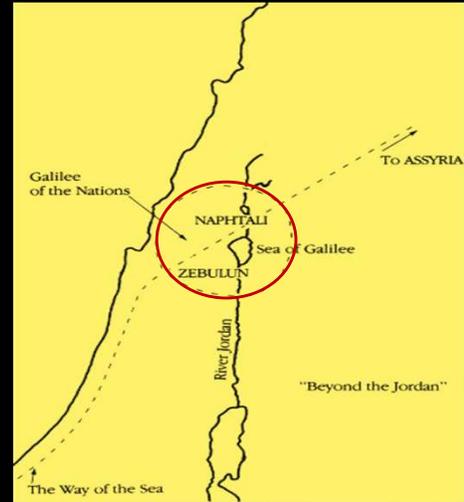
The Prophet
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Introduction To Isaiah Chapter 9 (Galilee Naphtali, Zebulun)

- These areas had fallen prey to the Assyrians before and during King Ahaz's time (II Kings 15:29).
- Despite their present condition (gloom, distress and humiliation) Isaiah predicts the dawning of a new and glorious day.
- The region which was once darkened was among the first to receive Messiah's light (Mat 4:13, 15, 16)



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Read Isaiah 9:1 – 7

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1. The light dawns in verses 2-5. What specific changes does Isaiah predict?

The Changes Isaiah Predicts:

- **Glory For Contempt:** internal and external contempt are changed by their renewal as God's people (v.1).
- **Light For Darkness:** The blindness of sin and shame changed by the Light of God's Spirit and Word (v.2).
- **Joy For Sorrow:** The weight of sorrow changed by the greater weight of the Joy of the Lord (v. 3).
- **Victory For Defeat:** Even if it looks like the enemy is winning, God's power will bring us to victory (v.4).

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The Changes Isaiah Predicts:

- **Peace For War:** The present chaos will be exchanged for the Peace Of God that passes understanding (v.5).

Note: There will be a wonderful victory like that of Gideon over Midian. The yoke will be lifted, and the rod that beats them will be broken.

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Read Isaiah 8:19 – 22

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3. What do you think it would have been like for the people to hear Isaiah's words in 9:2-5?

- **Spiritually Perceptible:** Now, even the midst of darkness, they can see the Light of God's Word and power working.
- **Historically Remarkable:** Even the most terrifying superpower of the age is an instrument in the hand of the Almighty God
- **Prophetically Hopeful:** Our future – especially things that are beyond our control are all in the Hands of God.

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"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe." Proverbs 18:10 (NKJV)

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4. What is this new ruler like according to verses 6-7?

- **All – Sufficient Ruler:** Every earthly king, even the good ones had shortcomings, but Jesus the Ruler is all we need.
- **All – Powerful Ruler:** An earthly king has some power & authority, but this King has all power and authority.
- **Eternal Ruler:** He will reign forever and ever and there is no force in the universe that can stop Him.

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth... and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Matt. 28:18, 20 (NKJV)

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5.. What significance does each name have?

- **Wonderful, Counselor:** There will be nothing dull about His reign and He has the wisdom to rule justly.
- **Mighty God:** He has the power to execute His wise plans despite earthy or spiritual opposition.
- **Everlasting Father:** He is The Alpha & Omega, who is always present, loving and providing.
- **Prince Of Peace:** The One who will bring in and maintain the time of millennial peace to every tribe and nation.

Note: Together, these four titles give a beautiful picture of Jesus, the coming Messiah's character

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6. In what ways is the coming of the kingdom in verse 7 good news for the poor, the needy and the oppressed?

- **Acknowledgement:** God knows we live in a world in which His bountiful resources are unequally shared.
- **Gratitude:** Thankfulness that situations don't control me, but God control all of my situations
- **Expectance:** For those who struggle for justice and righteousness, God's law and zeal will bring the peace we have been yearning for.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, ... He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted" Luke 4:18 – 19 (NKJV)

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7. How do these titles—describe God's character to us during times of difficulty?

Messianic Titles of Christ

- The Wonderful Counselor encourages us when we are confused and distracted.
- The Mighty God is present when we are frightened and anxious.
- The Everlasting Father promises the hope of all eternity in the face of present difficulty.
- The Prince of Peace offers the lasting comfort we seek in a world of turmoil.

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8. What practical changes can you and your church to better focus on Christ this Advent Season?

- The “Child of Promise” Advent Devotional (SRMBC Website)
- Emphasize Christmas decorations that remind you of Christ, such as manger scenes.
- Buy or make an Advent wreath and light the appropriate candle each Advent Sunday.
- Participate in an opportunity to give to someone in need through church or school.
- Keep your tree and decorations up until the end of the season on January 6 (Epiphany).
- Hold a Twelfth Night party on the eve of Epiphany.

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Keys For Living

- Whatever troubles or darkness comes into our lives we can trust God’s Character and promises to meet our every need.
- Ultimately, the Person and Work of Jesus Christ is the light of salvation that cuts through the darkness the comes from this sinful world.
- Jesus has commissioned and commanded His church to be the Light to people who are still in darkness.

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