

## **This Changes Everything (Isaiah 9:1-7)**

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There are moments in life that change everything:

- Historical — Landing on the moon, the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, 9/11, Covid
- Personal — wedding day, the birth of a child

In the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC the prophet Isaiah proclaimed the coming of Jesus. In Isaiah 7 he wrote “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14)

Immanuel (sometimes spelled “Emmanuel”) means “God with us.” What the original readers of Isaiah 7 would never have guessed was that the ultimate fulfillment of this sign was not merely a child being born as a sign of God being near to them, but was to be literally God taking on flesh and becoming one of us.

### **Isaiah 9:1-7**

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan— <sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. <sup>5</sup> Every warrior’s boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

The message of Isaiah 9 is one of profound hope — in the midst of darkness, a great light had dawned.

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- v. 6 tells us this person will be a child, a son — it will be through a human being
- the government shall be upon his shoulders — this is a mighty ruler, He’s no ordinary man. He’s clearly going to be a king.
- Wonderful Counselor — speaks of His wisdom
- Mighty God, speaks of His divinity, a child will be born but He will be called Mighty God.
- Everlasting Father— Jesus and the Father are one — Jesus isn’t the Father, but their heart, their aims, their mission, is the same

- Prince of Peace — *Jesus isn't a peacekeeper, He's a peacemaker.* Sometimes a peacekeeper just tries to placate everyone so they don't start arguing — a peacemaker brings reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.
- Of the increase/greatness of His government and peace there will be no end.
- The kingdom is growing and expanding — it's UNSTOPPABLE
- The Lord shows Nebuchadnezzar this kingdom in a dream in Daniel.

### **Daniel 2:44-45**

"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. <sup>45</sup> This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy."

- He will reign on David's throne. (King of King and Lord of Lords Rev. 19), Ezekiel 43
- Jesus as authority as King over Israel.

### **Jesus' coming means this:**

- 1) Satan and his minions are living on borrowed time. Sin and death is living on borrowed time — Jesus has come. Jesus is the One before whom the demons tremble — everything must bow the knee to Him, and He has power over addiction, over sin, over bondage.
- 2) There is hope for us. Even more specifically, there is hope for YOU. Even now Jesus wants to come and rule and reign in your life.
- 3) We are not alone — He is Emmanuel — God with us.

### **So what do we do about this?**

- 1) Accept Jesus as our God and Saviour.

### **Romans 10:9-13**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

- 2) Allow Him to Reign in You

- lay down sin and rebellion
- Let Him lead and direct you instead of doing things on your own

- 3) Join Him on His Mission

### **Romans 10:14-15**

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"