

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.

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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.

#### Isaiah 9:1-7 Outline

- 1. God's Prophet
- 2. God's Promise
- 3. God's Person
- 4. God's Passion

# God shows us His passion through the person of His Son, so we can trust His promises.

**Isaiah 9:2** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

2. God's Promise comes while we are still in darkness

Isaiah 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. ... comes first to those in the deepest darkness

Matthew 4:13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

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Matthew 4:15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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**Isaiah 9:3** 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.

John 4:34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work... 36 Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

**Isaiah 9:4** 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.

John 8:32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 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...

John 1:4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Isaiah 9:7** ... The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son

# The person of God's Son proves God's passion to fulfill God's promises

**Ephesians 5:8** for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.