

ISAIAH 9:1-10:4

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ISAIAH 9:1-2 NKJV

NEVERTHELESS THE GLOOM WILL NOT BE UPON
HER WHO IS DISTRESSED, AS WHEN AT FIRST
HE LIGHTLY ESTEEMED THE LAND OF ZEBULUN
AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, AND AFTERWARD
MORE HEAVILY OPPRESSED HER, BY THE WAY
OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, IN GALILEE
OF THE GENTILES. [2] THE PEOPLE WHO
WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT
LIGHT; THOSE WHO DWELT IN THE LAND OF
THE SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT

- (v 1) This judgment will not last forever
 - It will start in the outer regions (Galilee) and eventually encompass all of Israel
 - It will go from bad to worse
- (v 2) The remnant who “walk in darkness” or come through the darkness of judgment against Israel (physical and spiritual)
 - They have seen a light
 - The light refers to the Messiah (John 1:4-5)

ISAIAH 9:3-5 NKJV

YOU HAVE MULTIPLIED THE NATION AND
INCREASED ITS JOY; THEY REJOICE BEFORE YOU
ACCORDING TO THE JOY OF HARVEST, AS MEN
REJOICE WHEN THEY DIVIDE THE SPOIL. [4] FOR
YOU HAVE BROKEN THE YOKE OF HIS BURDEN
AND THE STAFF OF HIS SHOULDER, THE ROD OF
HIS OPPRESSOR, AS IN THE DAY OF MIDIAN. [5]
FOR EVERY WARRIOR'S SANDAL FROM THE NOISY
BATTLE, AND GARMENTS ROLLED IN BLOOD,
WILL BE USED FOR BURNING AND FUEL OF FIRE.

- (V 3) God will bless Israel again as well as all nations on earth.
(Genesis 22:15-18)
- (V 4) The oppression will end
 - The oppressor, Assyria, will be judged
 - Assyria was a tool for judgment on Israel but would become an object of God's judgment
 - The remnant will triumph (compared to the victory God gave Gideon by the few)
- (V 5) There will come a time when Messiah reigns, that war will be no more

ISAIAH 9:6 NKJV

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE
GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS
SHOULDER. AND HIS NAME WILL BE
CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR,
MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER,
PRINCE OF PEACE.

- This will happen after a Child is born! Gov't upon His shoulder (strength)
- His name:
 - Wonderful —> (peh-leh) an extraordinary hard to understand thing (Matt. 8:28)
 - Counselor —> (yaw-ats) someone who deliberates or resolves matters
 - Mighty God —> (gibbor el) leaves no doubt as to who this child is (Jesus is God in the flesh)
 - Eternal Father —> (ad ab) eternal abba! (John 14:9) (John 10:30)
 - Prince of Peace —> (war shalom) head or chief of peace (Micah 4:3)

ISAIAH 9:7 NKJV

OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT
AND PEACE THERE WILL BE NO END,
UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND OVER
HIS KINGDOM, TO ORDER IT AND
ESTABLISH IT WITH JUDGMENT AND
JUSTICE FROM THAT TIME FORWARD,
EVEN FOREVER. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD
OF HOSTS WILL PERFORM THIS.

- His kingdom will be eternal
- Total peace
- Total power
- There will be great abundance

- He will sit upon the throne of David (the rightful king) (the division of the kingdom of Israel was brought about by men not God)
 - It will have order
 - (Satan is the author of chaos)
- Order accomplished by absolute, perfect judgment and justice
 - All judgments will be perfect and pure
 - Justice (righteousness in government) —> all sin punished
- The LORD will perform this judgment with great zeal
 - Exodus 34:14
 - John 2:13-17

ISAIAH 9:8-10 NKJV

THE LORD SENT A WORD AGAINST JACOB,
AND IT HAS FALLEN ON ISRAEL. [9] ALL
THE PEOPLE WILL KNOW- EPHRAIM AND
THE INHABITANT OF SAMARIA- WHO SAY
IN PRIDE AND ARROGANCE OF HEART: [10]
"THE BRICKS HAVE FALLEN DOWN, BUT WE
WILL REBUILD WITH HEWN STONES; THE
SYCAMORES ARE CUT DOWN, BUT WE WILL
REPLACE THEM WITH CEDARS."

ISAIAH 9:11-12 NKJV

THEREFORE THE LORD SHALL SET UP THE
ADVERSARIES OF REZIN AGAINST HIM,
AND SPUR HIS ENEMIES ON, [12] THE
SYRIANS BEFORE AND THE PHILISTINES
BEHIND; AND THEY SHALL DEVOUR ISRAEL
WITH AN OPEN MOUTH. FOR ALL THIS HIS
ANGER IS NOT TURNED AWAY, BUT HIS
HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL.

- The rest of the chapter is a song of judgment upon Samaria
- This first stanza talks about their pride and folly in thinking they control outcomes. (i.e. v 10)
 - “We will” sounds a lot like the “I will” statements of Satan
 - Interestingly enough, Senator John Edwards quoted (v 10) in a speech after the 9/11 terrorist attack
- If Israel will not heed judgment, God will destroy them (v 11)

ISAIAH 9:13-15 NKJV

FOR THE PEOPLE DO NOT TURN TO HIM WHO
STRIKES THEM, NOR DO THEY SEEK THE
LORD OF HOSTS. [14] THEREFORE THE
LORD WILL CUT OFF HEAD AND TAIL FROM
ISRAEL, PALM BRANCH AND BULRUSH IN
ONE DAY. [15] THE ELDER AND HONORABLE,
HE IS THE HEAD; THE PROPHET WHO
TEACHES LIES, HE IS THE TAIL.

ISAIAH 9:16-17 NKJV

FOR THE LEADERS OF THIS PEOPLE CAUSE THEM
TO ERR, AND THOSE WHO ARE LED BY THEM ARE
DESTROYED. [17] THEREFORE THE LORD WILL
HAVE NO JOY IN THEIR YOUNG MEN, NOR HAVE
MERCY ON THEIR FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS;
FOR EVERYONE IS A HYPOCRITE AND AN
EVILDOER, AND EVERY MOUTH SPEAKS FOLLY.
FOR ALL THIS HIS ANGER IS NOT TURNED AWAY,
BUT HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL.

- The 2nd stanza
 - The people are unrepentant
 - The leaders (head) are corrupt
 - The prophet (tail) corrupt teachers
 - They lead the people astray and cause them to sin (it will cause the destruction of them all)
 - (v 17) young men (warriors) will be slaughtered by invaders
 - The invaders will have no mercy on the helpless (widows and orphans)
 - Yet the judgment is just because everyone is a hypocrite and speaks foolishness

ISAIAH 9:18-21 NKJV

FOR WICKEDNESS BURNS AS THE FIRE; IT SHALL DEVOUR THE BRIERS AND THORNS, AND KINDLE IN THE THICKETS OF THE FOREST; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP LIKE RISING SMOKE. [19] THROUGH THE WRATH OF THE LORD OF HOSTS THE LAND IS BURNED UP, AND THE PEOPLE SHALL BE AS FUEL FOR THE FIRE; NO MAN SHALL SPARE HIS BROTHER. [20] AND HE SHALL SNATCH ON THE RIGHT HAND AND BE HUNGRY; HE SHALL DEVOUR ON THE LEFT HAND AND NOT BE SATISFIED; EVERY MAN SHALL EAT THE FLESH OF HIS OWN ARM. [21] MANASSEH SHALL DEVOUR EPHRAIM, AND EPHRAIM MANASSEH; TOGETHER THEY SHALL BE AGAINST JUDAH. FOR ALL THIS HIS ANGER IS NOT TURNED AWAY, BUT HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL.

- Stanza 3
 - Jealousy and strife will spread like fire and create a jungle
 - Brothers turning on brothers (tribe against tribe)
 - This disunity and treachery will spread like fire
 - Political assassinations were abundant during this period

ISAIAH 10:1-4 NKJV

"WOE TO THOSE WHO DECREE UNRIGHTEOUS DECREES, WHO WRITE MISFORTUNE, WHICH THEY HAVE PRESCRIBED [2] TO ROB THE NEEDY OF JUSTICE, AND TO TAKE WHAT IS RIGHT FROM THE POOR OF MY PEOPLE, THAT WIDOWS MAY BE THEIR PREY, AND THAT THEY MAY ROB THE FATHERLESS. [3] WHAT WILL YOU DO IN THE DAY OF PUNISHMENT, AND IN THE DESOLATION WHICH WILL COME FROM AFAR? TO WHOM WILL YOU FLEE FOR HELP? AND WHERE WILL YOU LEAVE YOUR GLORY? [4] WITHOUT ME THEY SHALL BOW DOWN AMONG THE PRISONERS, AND THEY SHALL FALL AMONG THE SLAIN." FOR ALL THIS HIS ANGER IS NOT TURNED AWAY, BUT HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT STILL.

- Judgment on the legalized wrongs of government
 - The perversion of justice
 - A system where the needy could not get justice but only the rich and powerful
 - The haunting question of v 3
 - They will be reduced to beggars and slaves just like everybody else