

The Messiah's Titles

Isaiah 9:1-7

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Pastor Andrew Davis said, "In every epoch of history, humanity has sought a righteous form of government, but the depravity in every nation has made it impossible." Due to Israel's sin, they found themselves in distress, darkness, gloom, and anguish (Isaiah 8:11-22). Without God, we all personally find our nation and ourselves in despair. We long for joy, peace, and righteousness in this world, but our sin makes these impossible to achieve through our own efforts. Yet, hope dawns in Isaiah 9 as the promised Messiah is prophesied to change our darkness to light, our gloom to joy, our wars to peace, and our corruption to righteousness. Isaiah 9:1-7 shows us the benefits we possess when we trust in the promised Messiah.

- I. **The Messiah Brings Light (vv. 1-2)**
- II. **The Messiah Brings Joy (v. 3)**
- III. **The Messiah Brings Peace (vv. 4-5)**
- IV. **The Messiah Brings a Kingdom (vv. 6-7)**
 - A. **The Messiah's Royal Birth Announcement**
 - B. **The Messiah's Regal Names**
 - i. **Wonderful Counselor:** He will have extraordinary wisdom to plan miraculous things (Gary Smith).
 - ii. **Mighty God:** He will be truly man and truly God; a great powerful warrior.
 - iii. **Everlasting Father:** He will be eternally loving to His family.
 - iv. **Prince of Peace:** He will rule with peace and offer supernatural peace.
 - C. **The Messiah's Reign**
 - i. **The Characteristics of His Kingdom:** Peaceful, Just, and Righteous
 - ii. **The Length of His Rule:** Forever

FOR NEXT TIME—Read Isaiah 11:1-9, *The Messiah's Character*

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. How has Jesus personally brought light to your life?
2. What joys can we experience as followers of Jesus?
3. How do we experience peace as believers? Why do we still struggle with division, war, and unrest if Jesus has already come?
4. How do we see Jesus living out his "regal names" on earth?
5. How does the promised Messianic kingdom change our perspective on our own nation and what it can deliver?