

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 8:1–9:7

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The Lord's Day Morning

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Historical Context For Isaiah 1–12

- 1010 King David reigns as over a strong and united Israel
- 931 Civil war divides Israel into Northern Kingdom (Israel) and Southern Kingdom (Judah).
- 740 King Uzziah of Judah dies; Isaiah sees vision of God in temple (Isaiah 6).
- 735 King Ahaz (Uzziah's grandson) makes alliance with King of Assyria (Tiglath-Pilezer) for protection from King of Israel (Pekah) and King of Syria (Rezin) instead of trusting God (Isaiah 7; 2 Kings 16).
1. Isaiah's first son: "Shear-jashub," ("A remnant shall return") encourages a righteous remnant that God will preserve them through judgment.
 2. Isaiah predicts the birth of Immanuel ("God with us") whose presence will encourage the remnant in dark days
 3. Isaiah's second son "Maher-shalal-hash-baz," ("Swift is the spoil, speedy is the prey") warns the people that because of their stubborn rebellion, Assyria will quickly invade Israel, Syria, and Judah
 4. Isaiah predicts the birth of "Wonderful Counselor–Mighty God–Everlasting Father–Prince of Peace"
- 722 Assyria finally destroys Samaria (capital of Israel) and deports citizens. Judah is forced to pay high tribute.
- 701 Assyria (King Sennacherib) lays siege to Jerusalem (capital of Judah) but leaves after the angel of the Lord kills 185,000 Assyrian troops (2 Kings 19:35). Sennacherib's sons kill him in 681.
- 586 Babylon, having replaced Assyria as the dominant superpower, destroys Jerusalem and exiles the remnant.

The prediction in Isaiah 9

1. This king's reign will begin in Galilee (1)
2. This king's fame will spread to Gentiles (2–3)
3. This king's birth is a gift to all of us (6a)
4. This king's reign will be unilateral (6b).
5. This king's name is very long (6c)
6. This king's government establishes peace (7a).
7. This king's birthright is legitimate (7b).
8. This king's reign is eternal (7c).

Three Christmas Presents You Can Give Today

1. _____ peace with God through unconditional surrender (Ro. 5:1; Col. 1:20).
2. _____ peace in your family and church by acting like Jesus (Heb. 12:14; Ro. 12:18)
3. _____ for true world peace by proclaiming the gospel (Eph. 6:15; Mt. 10:34).