

# Isaiah 9-10 – 19 October 2023

## “To See The Light Of Messiah”

### Introduction

\*Chap 1, thru the prophet Isaiah, God began to point out Judah's *religious hypocrisy*

\*Chap 2-3, they're reminded *there's Kingdom coming & He longs for them to return* to Him & be in it

\*Chap 4-6 God shows them the beauty of holiness, His desire for them to be blessed thru sanctification

\*Chap 7-8 facing the potential of war God points them to hope

\*Now Chap 9-10, we're refocused on the centerpiece of civilization...that Messiah is yet to come!

\*Let's read Chap 9:1-7 to set up this passage, it's the glorious goal of seeing Messiah's light

## The Sign of Messiah's Birth (9:1-7)

Read Vs 1-2

1. This is a promise the land around the Sea of Galilee, so harshly ravished by the Assyrian Empire, will one day be blessed with light
  - a. If darkness in chap 8:22 = demonic forces, then the light = the light of God
2. This passage is quoted by Matthew as being fulfilled by Jesus' Galilean ministry

Read Vs 3-5

1. At time the people see the great Light (Jesus), they will rejoice as when bringing in harvest
  - a. *The reward has come!*
2. The enemy is gone as when Gideon defeated Midian - *The fear of loss is gone!*
3. From vs 5 all military uniforms will be thrown into the fire and destroy b/c it's no longer needed
4. This screams, 'what is this light that brings such good things?' (See vs 6)

## Read Vs 6

1. A child, a son – Not a military man by humble & weak (Read Phil 2:7)
2. ‘Govt is upon His shoulders’ – He can as King, teaching us of a new Kingdom & new ways to live
3. ‘His name shall be’ – describes His character
  - a. ‘Wonderful’ – we can never look at the Messiah & be bored, it speaks of deity (Jug 13:18)
  - b. ‘Counselor’ – He’s the One fit to guide us
  - c. ‘Mighty God’ – The Son is our very God (Isa 44:6 & Rev 1:17-18)
  - d. ‘Everlasting Father’ – He’s the source of eternity past & future – meaning He’s Creator
  - e. ‘Prince of Peace’ – Read Luke 2:14

## Read Vs 7

1. This verse ties God Himself to the Messiah, the Son of David
2. Notice Messiah is given the throne of David
  - a. Read Luke 1:30-33

**Today let’s look at 3 steps toward seeing Messiah**

# #1: Know: the process of purging pride (Chap 9:8-10:4)

Read Chap 9:8-12

1. Israel's coming judgment is deserved b/c of their pride and independence
2. They thought they were strong enough just to weather the battles & rebuild w/o turning to God
3. Therefore, God sends multiple enemies at once

Read Vs 13-17

1. Israel's coming judgement will be sudden
2. They leaned on their false teachers instead of the true God
3. Therefore, God will remove His hand of mercy

Read Vs 18-21

1. Israel's coming judgement will be cruel
2. Their own wickedness will be against them
3. Therefore, God allows this civil unrest

Read Vs 1-4

1. Israel's coming judgement will be complete
2. Their selfish sinful leaders are impoverishing the country day-by-day
3. Therefore, God will take away their foreign aid

**#2: Choose: All choices are used for God's will, but whose side will you be on (Chap 10:5-19)**

Read Chap 10:5-7

1. *God is using the sinful nation Assyria to judge Syria & Israel as God's rod and staff of correction*
2. Assyria's not doing this to willfully serve God, but in selfish gain, yet God uses them for His will

Read Vs 8-14

1. "He" in vs 8 is Assyria
2. Assyria felt untouchable b/c of their victories over these other foreign cities

- a. In vs 10 proclaiming that no foreign god could help
3. Assyria will be judged for boasting that their strength came from within instead of from God
  - a. Such arrogance to trust in self

Read Vs 15-16

1. Both for the profane and the holy, we are tools by which God works thru
  - a. We can submit to God & be used to bring glory
  - b. We can rebel & be used to bring judgment
  - c. But either choice, God will have His way & we'll have the results of our choice

Read Vs 17-19

1. So God will reduce their leaders down to just a few trees
2. Notice, God is the light of Israel
  - a. The same light can either light your way to life or light the fire of judge – It's our choice

### #3: Hope: A remnant will be saved (Chap 10:20-34)

Read Chap 10:20-23

1. There will be a remnant of Judah left after Assyria invades them
2. But see, God predicts they will turn back to Him
  - a. He's also predicting that He'll receive them!
  - b. He's not writing them off but making provision for them to return (Read Rom 9:27)
  - c. So this judgement will lead many to life

Read Vs 24-27

1. Assyrian judgement is coming on Judah, but God says that it's leading to good
2. Assyria's judgment on them wouldn't last forever b/c God has a special anointing on the people of Israel & their leaders (Read Psm 105:15)

Read Vs 28-32

1. Describes Assyrian advance toward Jerusalem
2. These Judaeen cities are w/i 3 hrs of Jerusalem

Read Vs 33-34

1. The proud of Judah will be trimmed away
2. But remember, a remnant shall remain

## Conclusion

So remember that the events of this world are leading somewhere

Just as the events of Isaiah's day were leading to the revelation of the Messiah

So to today, events are leading to the revelation of Messiah

The Lord's desire is for us to be reunited with Him

1. **Let's know the process of purging pride**
  - a. Highly esteemed is an abomination to God
2. **Let's choose Him b/c God's plans will win**
  - a. We have free will to choose life & death
3. **Let's live in hope that God will save the faithful**
  - a. God delivers the righteous from the wicked