

## The Distressing Days of Isaiah

1. Israel and Judah were at war.
2. Assyria was demanding unbearable tribute.
3. Ahaz was sacrificing children.

## The Promise of Hope

1. A new day is dawning.

*Isaiah 9:1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress . . . 2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.*

2. A new joy is arriving.

*Isaiah 9:3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder.*

3. A new peace is coming.

*Isaiah 9:4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. 5 Every*

*warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.*

## The Promise of a Redeemer

1. The Redeemer will come as a baby.

*Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given . . .*

2. The Redeemer will rule on earth.

*Isaiah 9:6 . . . and the government will be on his shoulders.*

3. The Redeemer will be God Himself.

*Isaiah 9:6 . . . And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

4. The Redeemer will sit on David's throne.

*Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

## Who is this King?

1. Historically, it referred to Hezekiah.
2. Prophetically, it refers to Jesus.

3. Ultimately, it refers to the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming.

### The Promises of Christmas

1. Christ is with us in our most distressing days.
2. Christ came to redeem us from our failures.
3. Christ will come again to restore all things.