

Meek and Lowly

Part 1-The Hope and the Promise of Advent

Isaiah 9:1-7

Opening Question: What kind of king or kingdom does Christmas Celebrate?

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

*² The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.*

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

*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.*

*⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷ Of the greatness 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. Isaiah 9:1-7 NIV*

What did Isaiah foretell about this king in this passage?

1. Isaiah foretold WHERE this king would minister.

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Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

*Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death
a light has dawned.” Matthew 4:13-16 NIV*

2. Isaiah foretold WHAT the king would do.

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Big Complication: The Babylonian Defeat and the Exile

3. Isaiah foretold WHO this king would be.

*For to us a child is born,
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and the government will be on His shoulders.
And He will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NIV*

Who is this Meek and Lowly Child?

- **Wonderful Counselor-He is WISE and all-knowing**
- **Mighty God-He is a WARRIOR for fights for us.**
- **Everlasting Father-He will be a KING who rules with care and compassion.**
- **Prince of Peace-He is the PRINCE who brings peace.**

Final Point: Jesus is coming again to fulfill His promise of a KINGDOM.

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Will you embrace the hope and promise we find in the journey of Advent this year?