

## Christmas #4 "HERO " ISAIAH 9:1-7. 11:1-10 • December 28, 2008 • Vineyard Church • Great Falls • Montana

**The Point:** Prophetic words about the coming of our hero - the Lord Jesus the Christ (Messiah) were spoken about 800 years before His birth. He would be our mighty HERO bringing the new peaceful, righteous, prosperous government of the Kingdom of God to the world. In His second coming the earth would become transformed back to the condition of Eden where all creatures lived in peace (ate fruit) where nothing will hurt or destroy again.

### Overview

#### Isaiah 9:1-7

**1-1:1** One day every person realizes that there is something wrong with this world and themselves and \_\_\_\_\_ because their seems to be no escape. The message of Christmas is that the darkness which enshrouds our planet will not go on \_\_\_\_\_

**2-1:1** The tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali living in Galilee the northernmost part of Israel and nearest to the great nations of Assyria and Babylon ( Iraq) would be captured by them and be \_\_\_\_\_--becoming a semi gentile ( non Jew area) But in the distant future Galilee would be the home of the Messiah, living in Nazareth of Galilee and thus filled with \_\_\_\_\_ and Galilee would become the \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation to the Gentiles.

**3-1:2** The people whose life on this planet was like walking in \_\_\_\_\_ will see a great light ---a person Christ Jesus the Lord and He will \_\_\_\_\_ on all who live in the land where \_\_\_\_\_ casts its shadow--causing all people to live in fear of death.

**4-1:3** The event of Jesus will inspire people to \_\_\_\_\_ like people at \_\_\_\_\_ when the harvest has been bountiful or like people who have won a great battle over their enemies and have the \_\_\_\_\_--that which belonged to the enemy-- to divide.

**5-1:4** The one who rules in the kingdom of darkness has put all people into one sort of bondage. The Messiah will \_\_\_\_\_ the chains that \_\_\_\_\_ his people.

**6-1:5** In that day of \_\_\_\_\_ there will be no more \_\_\_\_\_ gear, no more \_\_\_\_\_ uniforms. All the equipment used in wars will be \_\_\_\_\_

**7-1:6** God will accomplish this by being born as one of us. "For a \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ to us, a \_\_\_\_\_ is given to us."

**8-1:6** Though He is born in weakness-- in the end the \_\_\_\_\_ of our world will rest upon His shoulders.

**9-1:6** Our hero's royal TITLES - each speaking of an aspect of His power and rule are:  
Wonderful \_\_\_\_\_. He will know what is right to do to set things right.

Mighty \_\_\_\_\_. Though clothed in the life of a simple man He is God.

Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_. As Jesus said, " The Father and I are one."

Prince of \_\_\_\_\_. He will not only bring the end of war. Prosperity/shalom will follow.

**10- 1:7** His government will be ever \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and it will never \_\_\_\_\_. He will rule with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The passionate commitment of the Lord almighty will \_\_\_\_\_ this.

#### Isaiah 11:1-11

**11-1:1** The Messiah will be like a \_\_\_\_\_ branch on the family tree of \_\_\_\_\_

**12- 1: 2** The Spirit of the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ on Him. He will impart \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding- Counsel and \_\_\_\_\_ Knowledge and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

**13-1:3** He will \_\_\_\_\_ in obeying the Lord. Obedient even unto death.

**14- 1:3-5** He will not judge by \_\_\_\_\_-- the appearance of wealth, power, family

He will not succumb to judging by \_\_\_\_\_ evidence or \_\_\_\_\_. He will defend the \_\_\_\_\_ and the exploited. He will rule against the \_\_\_\_\_ and destroy them with the breath of His mouth. His rule will be all fairness and \_\_\_\_\_

**15-1:6-7** No longer will the creatures make food out of each other. The wolf and the \_\_\_\_\_ will live together. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the goat will be at peace. Calves will be safe among \_\_\_\_\_ Cattle will graze among bears. And lions will eat \_\_\_\_\_ as the livestock do.

**16-1:8-9** No creature will be dangerous to another. Babies will crawl \_\_\_\_\_ among poisonous \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord declares Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain. And as the \_\_\_\_\_ fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the \_\_\_\_\_ and act like it.

**17-1:10** He will be a \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation to the whole world. All the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world will rally to Him---to live with Him in a \_\_\_\_\_ place.

### Word Study

• GRASS • STUMP/ BRANCH • CHILD • PEACE • SHADOW • GOVERNMENT • SHOUT • THE POOR • CHAINS

**-1-9:2** \_\_\_\_\_ In a sense all people live with death overshadowing their minds. Family members and friends have died. And they expect to die. However, "*though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death we fear not evil for the Lord is with us.*" Psalm 23 They know they will die someday. Jesus has changed death into truly a shadow.

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-2- 9:3 \_\_\_\_\_ People give a loud cry when they are startled and afraid. And people give a mighty shout when things are so good that they can't contain themselves for joy.

-3- 9:4 These are chains that shackle a person, make him a prisoner. The strong make slaves of the weak. People become slaves to their weaknesses and their consequences. The devil chains people's souls by lies, accusations, despair, ruined self esteem. " If the Son sets you free you are free indeed. John 8:36 Jesus came to set the prisoners free.

-4- 9:6 There will come a day of peace. Not only an absence of war and bloodshed but the consequences of people who will war no more and let Christ rule and bless them.

-5- 9:6 \_\_\_\_\_The Lord God would be born a human being - as weak as any child. On the other hand, he was also "Mighty God, Everlasting Father " Nothing is too hard for God.

-6- 9:7 \_\_\_\_\_ "When the wicked take charge, people hide, when the wicked meet disaster, the godly multiply." Proverbs 28:28 Good leaders make the difference between a messed up nation or a prospering and happy one. Jesus brings the Kingdom of God—a kingdom where there is fairness and justice.

-7- 11:1 \_\_\_\_\_The kings of Israel failed as a whole because they did not let God rule through them. So Israel was hewn down by their enemies to be a stump. But a new king of the family tree of David would spring forth like a branch from the stump—Jesus He would rule by manifold wisdoms given by the Holy Spirit. Unlike Solomon whose wisdom failed when he no longer delighted in obeying the Lord—Jesus was obedient to death.

-8- 11:4 \_\_\_\_\_Some of the poor are poor because they are lazy. Some of the rich are lazy and still rich. The Hebrew word for poor is "oppressed poor." These are the poor who can not defend themselves against the social and economic power of the rich.

-9- 11:7 \_\_\_\_\_In the garden of Eden apparently all the creatures ate fruit, vegetables and grasses—not each other. The sin of the first people caused the animal kingdom to become predators - with mankind the most powerful and senseless of them. "Against its will everything on the earth was subjected to God's curse. All creation anticipates the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth until this present time. And we having a foretaste of future glory...waiting anxiously for that day" ( the 2nd coming) Romans 8:20f—when nothing shall hurt or destroy ..." because the world will be filled with people who know the Lord. 11:9

What does this Scripture say to you? \_\_\_\_\_