

ISAIAH – Chapter 9

In 8:22 distress, darkness, the gloom of anguish.

Vs. 1-2 In a future day – no more – “Galilee of the gentiles” will see a great light...the light will shine on them. Matt. 4:13-17

- 1) In 732 B.C. this part of Israel became an Assyrian province under Tiglath-Pileser III.
- 2) The Pharisees believed that “no prophet arises out of Galilee” – the very place where Jesus began his ministry.
- 3) These same leaders also believed that any input from God would begin in Jerusalem and move out from there – Jesus ended His ministry there.
- 4) The people will see a great light. John 1:4-9; 8:12; 9:5-7; I John 1:5-7; 2:7-11
- 5) As to the light that was seen in Galilee (Capernaum)
 - a) Lk. 4:31-42
 - b) John 4:43-54
 - c) Mk. 5:21-24, 35-43
 - d) John 6:24-25, 27-29
 - 1) Bread...came down from heaven – 6:33, 38
 - 2) Water...shall never thirst – 6:35
 - 3) Flesh given for the life of the world – 6:51
 - e) and many more things did Jesus both teach and do in Galilee of the Gentiles.

Vs. 3-5 You shall – God, the Father, in the Person of the Son

- 1) Multiply the nation.
- 2) Increase their gladness (joy).
 - a) Like the joy at harvest time.
 - b) Like the joy of winning a battle and dividing the plunder.
 - c) Great joy is in the plan. Isa. 12:6; 14:7; 26:19-21; Chapter 35; 42:11-13; 44:23; 49:13; 51:3, 11; 54:1; 55:12; 60:15; 61:7

- 3) Break the yoke of their burden...the staff on their shoulders...the rod of their oppressor...as at the battle of Midian. Judges 7:1-25; Isa. 10:26

BY SENDING HIS SON – THE CHILD BORN TO MARY

After the child (Isa. 7:14, Messiah) comes [the second time] the weapons of war will be destroyed.

Verses 6-7

- 1) A child will be born to us – into the nation of Israel.
The covenant people of God. Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5-8; Jer. 30:8-11;
33:14-22; Ezk. 37:21-28
A Son will be given to us – John 3:16; Rom. 8:31-32; I John 4:9-10; 5:9-13;

- 2) The government will rest on His shoulders.
 - a) He will rule over Israel, God's people. Micah 5:2; Zech. 9:9;
Jer. 30:21-22; Lk. 1:31-33

 - b) He will rule over the world. Zech. 14:9, 16

- 3) He will have 4 descriptive names that will reveal His character.
 - a) Wonderful Counselor. Isa. 11:2

 - b) Mighty God. Isa. 10:21-23; Rev. 1:8; Phil. 3:20-21

 - c) Everlasting Father – Father of eternity. Eternality is an attribute of God. John 1:1-2; 8:58 He is eternal life and the bestower of it.

 - d) Prince of Peace. John 14:27
To the world, peace equals “absence from war.” Matt. 10:34
That which Christ brings. Rom. 5:1
Peace will come to the earth. Matt. 13:36-43

4) The Messiah

a) Seated on David's throne. Lk. 1:32-33

b) Will have an eternal rule of peace and justice. Jer. 23:5

c) Forever. Dan. 7:14; 27; Micah 4:7; Lk. 1:33; Rev. 11:15

5) The fulfillment of the above is not dependent upon Israel.
"The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will accomplish this"!

Verses 9:8-10:4 God's judgment upon Samaria (Northern Kingdom, Ephraim, Israel, Jacob).

Jacob's future will be glorious. Vs. 1-7 (Age of the kingdom – reign of Messiah)

Jacob's present is not so bright. Isa. 5:7, 8, 11, 18, 20-22; Isa. 56:10-12; Jer. 10:21; 12:10-15; 23:1-8; Ezk. 34:2-24; 37:21-28

Note: While God removes Israel from His sight (2 Kings 17:5-6), the subject of this section of Isaiah; God continues to work with Judah until He scatters them, first with the Babylonians and then later completely with the Romans in 70 A.D. Judah never recovers, in big part, because her shepherds refocused the purpose of their existence to provide for themselves.

Isaiah ministered from 740-680 B.C.

Jeremiah ministered from 627-585 B.C. (Babylonian captivity begins in 605 B.C. and became total in 586 B.C.)

Ezekiel ministered from 592-570 B.C.

Vs. 8-9 Isaiah's message is directed at Judah. When He speaks against Israel it is intended to be a warning to Judah. God judges His people and Israel's judgment will come first (722 B.C.); learn a lesson and do something with what you've learned. Israel's root problem was, in a word, **Arrogance**.

Vs. 10 Signs of the coming destruction can already be seen

1) Bricks have fallen down

2) Wood used to build has been consumed

Israel's attitude as they see this – no problem. We will just find better building materials and build again. God is judging them because of their sin; building materials are not their problem!

Vs. 11 Therefore, because of their attitude (no repentance), God will bring more forces down upon them.

Rezin, their ally (Isa. 7:1, 8), will become Aram, their adversary, and it is the Lord who will spur them on Isa. 7:18-19 all in preparation for Assyria who will finish the job for God. Isa. 10:5-6

Vs. 12 The Philistines will be added to the mix to further weaken Ephraim.

Historical Note: Who were the Philistines?

- 1) Listed in the “table of nations.” Gen. 10:14
- 2) Some believe that they were descended from the Rephaim (Giants).
2 Sam. 21:16-22
- 3) Abraham had dealings with them when Abimelech was their king.
Gen. 21:22-34; 26:1-33
- 4) They are not listed in any of the lists of the Canaanites occupying the land.
Jeremiah (47:4) and Amos (9:7) state that the Philistines came from Caphtor (Island of Crete).
- 5) From Exodus to Samuel they are seen inhabiting the land which lay between Judea and Egypt. Ex. 13:17; 15:14; Joshua 13:1-3; 1 Sam. 4
- 6) Perpetual war existed between Israel and the Philistines throughout their existence in the land prior to the reign of Hezekiah. 2 Kings 18:8
- 7) Their ultimate end as a warring people is prophesied by Ezekiel (25:15-17).
- 8) The Romans carried out the judgment of God against them.

In spite of all that God brings upon Ephraim,

His anger does not turn away.

His hand is still stretched out – vs. 12, 17, 21 and ch. 10:4.

God is angry, therefore, their judgment will continue. Rev. 14:9-11

Vs. 13 Isaiah is overwhelmed by the fact that the people of the Northern Kingdom never respond to the judgment of God. The “do not” “nor do they.”
Rev. 9:20-21, 16:10-13

Vs. 14-15 Israel's refusal to turn to God will result in their complete destruction (for a time but not for eternity).

- 1) From head – honorable man.
- 2) To tail – prophet who teaches falsehood.
- 3) And everyone in between.

Vs. 16 The operating relationship which exists between the leader and the one being led:

- 1) Both will go down.
- 2) Which one will receive the greater judgment?
- 3) Temporal judgment will be followed by eternal judgment!

Vs. 17 Therefore – because of verse 16, we have the result in verse 17.

Young men, orphans, widows, every one of them:

- 1) Is godless.
- 2) Is an evil doer.
- 3) Every mouth is speaking (continuous action) foolishness.

Vs. 18 The people's (Ephraim) wickedness is burning them up like a huge fire with a large column of smoke.

Vs. 19 Israel's problem is not their earthly enemies...it is their God. His fury fuels the fire of judgment...no man spares his brother.

Vs. 20 Their judgment will be so all consuming, that they will destroy themselves – self destruction.

Vs. 21 "Themselves" is not limited to individuals. Tribe will rise against tribe, Israel against Judah. Matt. 24:7

For those who fall under the judgment of God, His anger is never turned away and His hand is never withdrawn. Rev. 20:11-15; 14:10-11 with 4:9 and 11:15