

Isaiah Lesson – 5: Noble Prince of Peace

This Week's Study: Isa. 9:1 – Isa. 12:6.

Memory Verse

Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV) *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Without Christ ruling, peace is an elusive dream for the human race. It has been estimated that since the beginning of recorded history the world has been entirely at peace only about 8 percent of the time. During these years, at least eight thousand treaties have been broken

End of Gloom for Galilee (Isa. 9:1-5)

Isaiah 8:22– (NKJV) *Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.*

Isaiah 9:1 *Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed her, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles.*

2 Kings 15:29 (NKJV) *In the days of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them captive to Assyria.*

Zebulun, Naphtali, Manasseh, that is, the country of Galilee all-round the sea of Gennesareth, were the parts that principally suffered in the first Assyrian invasion under Tiglath-pileser; see 2Ki 15:29; 1Ch 5:26.

²*The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.*

And they were the first that enjoyed the blessings of Christ's preaching the Gospel, and exhibiting his miraculous works among them.

John 1:43–44 (NKJV) *The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.*

Isaiah 60:2 (NKJV) *For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.*

Isaiah 9:4 (NKJV) *For You have broken the yoke of his burden And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.*

This is freedom from the yoke of the devil and rod of sin affliction.

Matthew 11:29 (NKJV) *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

Isaiah 9:5 (NKJV) *For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.*

'For all war-shoes put on at the noise of battle, all garments dipped in blood, shall be burnt, shall be the food of fire.' Like Midian.

A Child for Us (Isa. 9:6, 7)

Isaiah 9:6 *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;*

[The Jews torture this passage, applying it as relating to Hezekiah, though he had been born before this prediction was uttered.]

John 3:16 (NKJV) *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

"And the government will be upon His shoulder."

Isaiah 22:22 *And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.*

Revelation 3:7 (NKJV) *"He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":*

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

Isaiah 9:7 *Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,*

Daniel 7:27 (NKJV) *His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'*

... Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1:32–33 (NKJV) *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."*

John 18:36 *Jesus answered, "but now My kingdom is not from here."*

The Rod of God's Anger (Isa. 9:8-10:34)

Isaiah 9:8–17 (NKJV) *The Lord sent a word against Jacob, And it has fallen on Israel. ⁹ All the people will know— Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria— Who say in pride and arrogance of heart: ¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen down, But we will rebuild with hewn stones; The sycamores are cut down, But we will replace them with cedars."*

The Jews had good reason for being alarmed at the forces and power of that kingdom, especially when it had made a league with the Syrians.

¹¹ Therefore the Lord shall set up The adversaries of Rezin against him, And spur his enemies on, ¹² The Syrians before and the Philistines behind; And they shall devour Israel with an open mouth. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still. [6 Times] **2 Kings 16:9** And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: [Ahaz] for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

¹³ For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, Nor do they seek the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 12:5–6 (NKJV) And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶ For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord will cut off head and tail from Israel, Palm branch and bulrush in one day. ¹⁵ The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. ¹⁶ For the leaders of this people cause them to err, And those who are led by them are destroyed. ¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men, Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows; For everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, And every mouth speaks folly. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still. [But wait, there’s more]

Isaiah 10:1–4 (NKJV) “Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed ² To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And that they may rob the fatherless. ³ What will you do in the day of punishment, And in the desolation which will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory? ⁴ Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, And they shall fall among the slain.” For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.

Root and Branch in One (Isaiah 11)

Isaiah 11:1 (NKJV) There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Zechariah 6:12 Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the Lord;

The sense is, that though Jesse's or David's family should be brought so very low as to be as the stem or stump of a tree, without a body, branches, leaves, and fruit; yet from thence should arise a mighty King, even the King Messiah, who is spoken of by so many august names and titles, Isa 9:6 and this is observed for the comfort of the people of Israel, when distressed by the Assyrians, as in the preceding chapter Isa 10:1; when those high ones, comparable to the loftiest cedars in Lebanon, and to the tallest trees in the forest, should be hewn down, a rod should come out of Jesse's stem, which should rise higher, and spread more than ever they did: **Isaiah 2:13** (NKJV) Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, And upon all the oaks of Bashan;

Isaiah 11:2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

Revelation 5:6 (NKJV) And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

“You Comforted Me” (Isa. 12:1-6)

Isaiah 12:1–6 (NKJV) And in that day you will say: “O Lord, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; ‘For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.’ ”

Psalms 118:14 (NKJV) The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.

³ Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say: “Praise the Lord, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted.

John 4:14 (NKJV) *but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.*”

⁵ Sing to the Lord, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!”