



Await
Awaiting His Rule
Isaiah 9:1-7

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9 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.

3 You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

4 For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood

will be burned as fuel for the fire.

6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

2 Comforts for You from Isaiah 9

An Assured Hope

“But the good news is that the God who is with us is a God who wants to turn our darkness into light, our conflict into shalom, our loss into abundance, our despair into joy.” – John Oswalt, Isaiah, 162

A Specific Help

Messiah Characteristics – Stephen Witmer, Desiring God

- Wonderful Counselor: extraordinary wisdom & guidance
- Mighty God: divinely strong & powerful
- Everlasting Father: on-going intentional care
- Prince of Peace: well-being & right relationships...flourishing

“These are not merely the names or titles of descriptive phrases of some ancient historical figure. There are more than lyrics in a chorus from Handel’s “Messiah” or words on a Christmas card. These names and titles express what Jesus is **to you, in you, and for your sake**. So I suggest that you read this passage personally: “for to *me* a child is born, to *me* a son is given . . .” –Sam Storms, *Six Gifts from God (Isaiah 9:6)*

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- An Assured Hope
- A Specific Help

Reflection

Counselor: _____

Mighty: _____

Father: _____

Peaceful: _____

Is this Foretold-Child-King [Jesus] over the "government" of your own heart & life?

What “*dawn of a new day*” or “*new light*” are you anticipating this next year?