

"Eternal Father" – "Father" is an idiom of relationship to time. He is from ages past, perpetuity, ancient.

"Prince of peace" – the ruling Son will be the source and guarantee peace.

**B. The Son's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7).**

Isaiah 9:7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will accomplish this.

"on the throne of David and over his kingdom" – this refers to the place where He will sit, the authority He will exercise, and His realm of rule (2 Sam. 7:16).

"to establish it and uphold it" – to set firm and to support (to keep from falling or crumbling).

"From then on and forevermore" – lit. from now on (this time on).

"The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will accomplish this" – the strong desire of God to do what is right by Himself.

What does this passage have to do with Christmas?

The Light who came and the Son who was given at Christmas has not finished His work but will \_\_\_\_\_ to rule everything and be with His people forever, and Christmas guarantees it.

**Blanks: Light, Jesus, mercy, Blessings, Prosperity, Joy, Victory, Peace, Son, Identity, Reign, return.**



**Title: Christmas Unfinished      Date: December 24, 2024**  
**Text: Isaiah 9:1-7**

Isaiah 8:22 Then they will look to the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and *they will be banished* into thick darkness.

"banished" – to be driven away, ousted, pushed.

**1. The Coming \_\_\_\_\_ (v.1-2).**

Isaiah 9:1 But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

Isaiah 9:2 The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in the land of the shadow of death, the light will shine on them.

"darkness" – deep blackness; the absence of God's blessing/favor.

What is Isaiah describing?

\_\_\_\_\_ is the great light that came amongst a people in darkness.

Matthew 4:13-16 and leaving Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, saying, "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light, and those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death, upon them a Light dawned."

Luke 1:78-79 Because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to direct our feet into the way of peace.

Jesus is the great light given by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God through whom darkness has been conquered and will be defeated.

2. The Coming \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3-5).

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3a).

Isaiah 9:3a You shall multiply the nation

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3b).

Isaiah 9:3b You shall make great their gladness; they will be glad in Your presence as with the gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

The source of their gladness: "in Your presence" – before God's face, in His appearance.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4).

Isaiah 9:4 For You shall shatter the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders

"shatter" – to break, to destroy into pieces by force.

"as at the battle of Midian" – a reference to Judges 7.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ (v.5).

Isaiah 9:5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the rumbling of battle, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

3. The Coming \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6-7).

A. The Son's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.6).

Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

"His name" – proper designation, right reference, identity.

"Wonderful Counselor" – this Son will be the voice of truth and wisdom to the people, and they will listen.

"Mighty God" – God of strength, power, especially in overcoming enemies/foes.