

For Unto Us: The Man Who Changed the World (Part 2)

Text: Isaiah 9:6-7

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B. The Mighty God

Thus the Lord, and the Holy One of Israel and *el gibbor* are the same God bearing testimony to the divinity of the Messiah.

The Child then through this name has the authentication that He is divine and displays omnipotent power. The clear indication of Isaiah in 9:2-5 was this someone did things so great and grand that no human could come even close to His work. Isaiah understood that the Child would be God in some sense of the divine concept.

C. The Eternal Father

Application: This Child is the Father of time and the Father to the nation. He acts like a Father to the people. Isa. 63:16, Ps. 103:13. The Messiah is eternal and already existed in the beginning. John 1:1; Col. 1:16-17

Quote: “The quality of fatherhood is defined by the word eternity. The Messiah is an eternal Father. If this is correct, the meaning is that He is One who eternally is a Father to His people. Now and forever He guards His people and supplies their needs” (Young 339). God is therefore both eternal and paternal towards His people. He is the Protector of His people. What loving care and compassion He has for His own people even in their distress (Matt. 9:36; 23:37-39).

D. The Prince of Peace

Shalom means more than just the absence of strife or war. The word indicates *completeness and harmony inside and out, peace within one's heart and with God*. “Implicit in *šālôm* is the idea of unimpaired relationships with others and fulfillment in one's undertakings”.¹ This is truly the complete and perfect condition of man.

The Prince of Peace gains His kingdom by His example of peace. He is peace and He establishes peace. His ultimate act of peace is the removal of sin, the barrier that puts God and man at complete odds. The cause of war is sin, and when that is removed true peace will reign. This is the work of the Messiah. He removes the enmity between God and man (Gen. 3:15). Man must be at peace with God, and God must be at peace with man. Through the work of the Messiah on the cross, He removed the barrier of sin thus opening the door for this *shalom*. Rom. 5:1.

IV. Entrusting this Child to the throne of David demonstrates that He truly is the King of Kings (v. 7a).

Christ will rule perfectly and justly as His reign will be rooted in God's holy character and demands. Not only will Christ's government increase, so will peace as a direct correlation to the Prince of Peace. Peace must be connected to this Child since peace cannot be found apart from Him.

¹ Carr, G. L. (1999). [2401 שלום](#). R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 931). Chicago: Moody Press.

V. Ruling from David's throne will be done with a rule of perfect justice and righteousness (v. 7b).

VI. Confirming this Child will be done by God Himself (v. 7c).

The zeal of the Lord of hosts then is the jealousy that He holds for His name and His people. While it can be the jealousy of the fire of His wrath, here it is the jealousy of ultimate love for His own. Ps. 89:14; 97:3

The jealousy of God works out for good where the first Adam failed. The second Adam, Immanuel, will restore the nation to God.

Conclusion

Darkness fell as captivity engulfed the nation. The darkness of God's people overcome by His judgment on both nations. Then came the Child born as Immanuel (Matt. 1), and He came as a glorious light (John 1). He was given the place of David's throne, establishing the kingdom of peace and joy wherewith He will uphold justice and true righteousness forever and ever. Fulfilled prophecy has clearly demonstrated that Christ is that Messiah! We can rejoice and let everyone know that we know that our Redeemer lives! Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 4:12-16; Acts 2:29-36; 13:32-39.

How does Isaiah 9:6-7 apply to me?

1. The summary of Isaiah 9:6-7 is bound in one word: Hope!
2. "He is higher than the highest, Greater than the great, No one will ever take His crown away; He's more mighty than mightiest, He reigns from above, He's the all-time, undisputed, undefeated, Champion of love."

What does this passage reveal about the character and nature of God?

1. The revealed Messiah, the Word of God is none other than Jesus Christ Himself.
2. God's exaltation of His Son
3. God's ordained plan before the beginning of time always involved the redemptive work of Christ but also the kingship of the Messiah. That shows His sovereignty, love, and faithfulness towards His people.
4. The eternity of God.
5. The coming kingdom of Immanuel depends on God not Israel.

What are some "call to action" truths from Isaiah 9:6-7?

1. Let us share the good news of the peace that all man can know through this One the Savior of mankind.
2. We must be devoted to standing for the truth of Jesus Christ on the basis of God's written word as revealed through the lips and life of the prophet Isaiah.