



## Isaiah 7-9 - The Book of Immanuel

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### Isaiah at a Glance

Book Theme	Salvation through the Messianic King
Author	Isaiah
Recipients	Judah and Jerusalem
Date	739-681 bc
Message	The <b>Messianic King</b> will rule in righteousness over a righteous remnant from Israel and the nations, but first he must become a <b>Servant</b> who provides righteousness for the remnant and a <b>Conquerer</b> who defeats the remnant's enemies.
Historical Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and Manasseh were kings of Judah</li> <li>❖ Contemporary prophets were Hosea and Micah</li> <li>❖ Israel was conquered and deported by Assyria in 722 bc</li> <li>❖ Judah narrowly avoids the same fate in 701 bc</li> </ul>

### Isaiah's Three Big Segments

Chapters	Segment Theme
1-39	Messianic King
40-55	Messianic Servant
56-66	Messianic Conqueror

### Isaiah 1-39 at a Glance

Segment Theme	Chapters	Sub-Segment Themes
Messianic King Isaiah 1-39	1-5	Condemnation of Judah
	6	Call of Isaiah
	7-12	Book of Immanuel
	13-23	Oracles against the Nations
	24-27	Isaiah's Little Apocalypse
	28-35	Six Woes against Israel
	36-39	Hezekiah's Salvation, Sickness, and Sin

## Isaiah 6-12 at a Glance

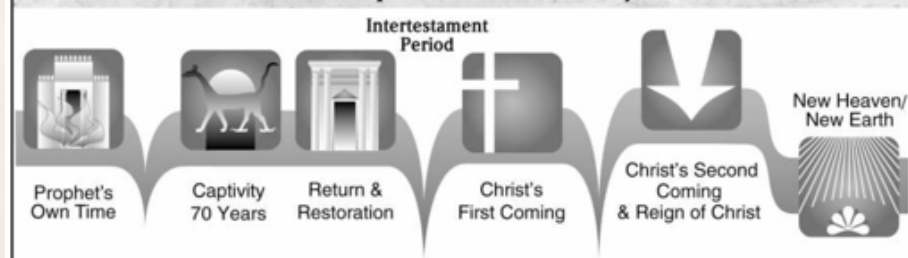
Ch.	Sub-Segment Themes	Chapter Themes
6	Book of Immanuel	Call of Isaiah
7		Ahaz's Shaky, Breaky Heart
8		Sanctuary or Stone of Offense?
9		A Child Is Born
10		Anger against the Assyrian Axe
11		A Shoot from Jesse's Stump
12		Refrain of the Remnant

## Lindsay's Five Rs

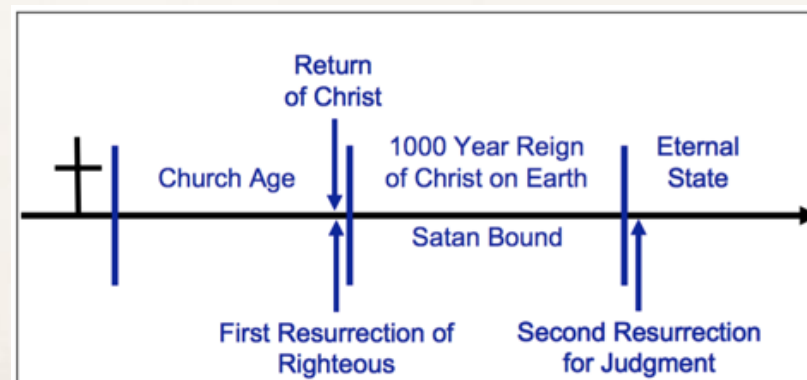
- ❖ Rebellion
- ❖ Retribution
- ❖ Redemption
- ❖ Restoration
- ❖ Revelation



## The Prophetic Points of History

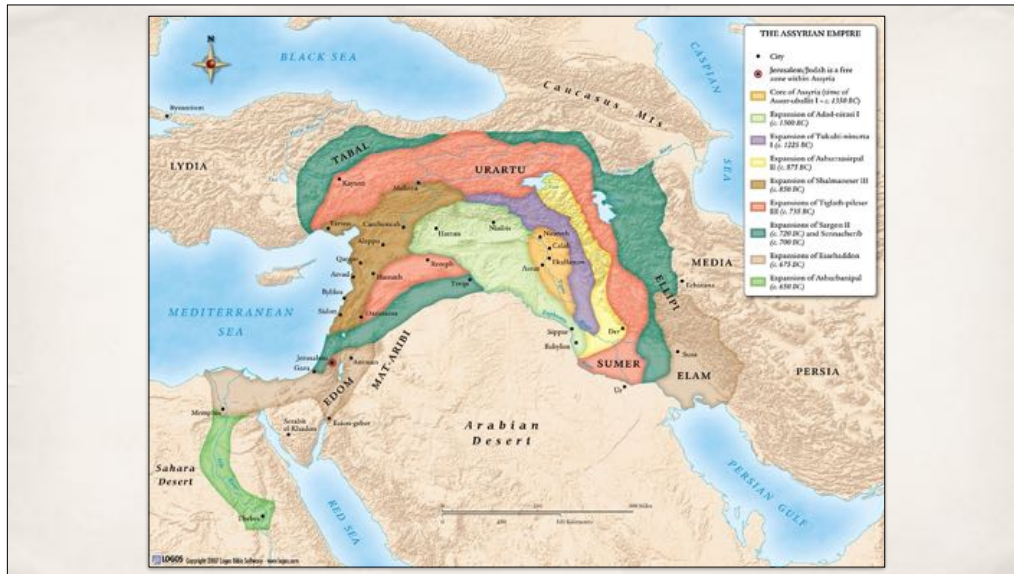
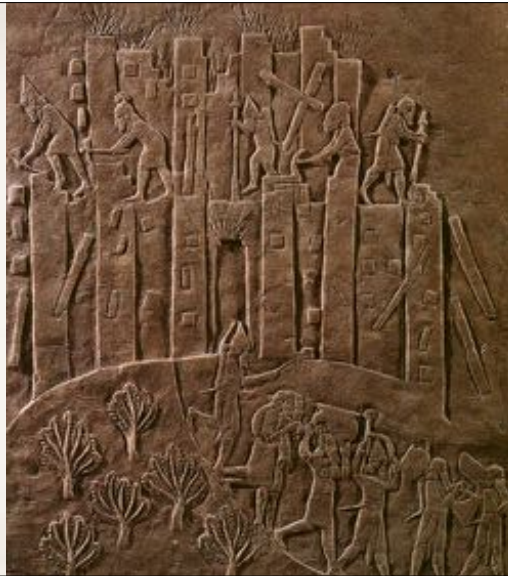


## What Is Going to Happen



# Historical Background

- ❖ Assyria
- ❖ Tiglath-pileser III of Assyria
- ❖ Rezin of Syria
- ❖ Pekah of Israel
- ❖ Ahaz of Judah



King Ahaz's Seal





## Isaiah 7 - Ahaz's Shaky, Breaky Heart

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- ❖ Ahaz's Shaky, Breaky Heart (vv. 1-2)
- ❖ Don't Sweat the Small Stuff (vv. 3-6)
- ❖ Shattering of Syria and Israel (vv. 7-9)
- ❖ Sign of Messiah's Virgin Birth (vv. 10-17)
- ❖ Four "In That Days" (vv. 18-25)

## Ahaz's Shaky, Breaky Heart (Is 7:1-2)

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1 In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to **wage war** against it but could not yet mount an attack against it. 2 When the house of David was told, Syria is in league with Ephraim, the **heart of Ahaz** and the **heart of his people** shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

## Don't Sweat the Small Stuff (Is 7:3-6)

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3 And Yahweh said to Isaiah, Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub ["A Remnant Shall Return"] your son, at the **end of the conduit of the upper pool** on the highway to the Washer's Field. 4 And say to him, **Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint** because of these two smouldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you saying, 6 Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us split it open for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it.

## Shattering of Syria and Israel (Is 7:7-9)

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7 Thus says Lord Yahweh (יהוה אֱלֹהֵינוּ), It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin. And within **sixty-five years** [669 bc] Ephraim will be shattered from being a people. 9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah. If you (pl.) [the house of David] are not **firm in faith** (אָמֵן), you (pl.) will not be firm at all.

## Sign of Messiah's Virgin Birth (Is 7:10-17)

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10 Again Yahweh spoke to Ahaz, 11 Ask a **sign** (אֹת) of Yahweh your [pl.] God. Let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put Yahweh to the test. 13 And he [Isaiah] said, Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you [pl.] to weary men, that you [pl.] weary my God also? 14 Therefore Yahweh himself will give you (pl.) a **sign**. Behold, the **virgin** (עַלְמָה) shall conceive and bear a **son** (בֶּן) and shall call his name **Immanuel** ["God with Us"]. 15 He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

## Sign of Messiah's Virgin Birth (Is 7:10-17)

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16 For before the boy (הַנָּעַר) [Isaiah's son Shear-jashub] knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. 17 Yahweh will bring upon you, upon your people, and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the **king of Assyria**!

## Four "In That Days" (Is 7:18-25)

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18 In that day Yahweh will whistle for the **fly** that is at the end of the streams of Egypt, and for the **bee** that is in the land of Assyria. 19 And they will all come and settle in the steep ravines, in the clefts of the rocks, on all the thornbushes, and on all the pastures.

20 In that day Yahweh will shave with a **razor** that is hired beyond the [Euphrates] River—with the king of Assyria—the head and the hair of the feet, and it will sweep away the beard also.

## Four "In That Days" (Is 7:18-25)

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21 In that day a man [of the remnant of Israel] will keep alive a young cow and two sheep, 22 and because of the abundance of milk that they give, he will eat curds, for everyone who is left in the land [the remnant] will eat **curds and honey** [like the Messianic son (v. 15)].

23 In that day every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand shekels of silver, will become **briers and thorns**. 24 With bow and arrows a man will come there, for all the land will be briers and thorns. 25 And as for all the hills that used to be hoed with a hoe, you will not come there for fear of briers and thorns, but they will become a place where cattle are let loose and where sheep tread.

## Isaiah 8 - Sanctuary or Stone of Offense?

- ❖ Sign of Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (vv. 1-4)
- ❖ Assyrian Flood (vv. 5-8)
- ❖ Shattering of Judah's Enemies (vv. 9-10)
- ❖ Sanctuary or Stone of Offense? (vv. 11-15)
- ❖ Scripture or Sorcery? (vv. 16-22)

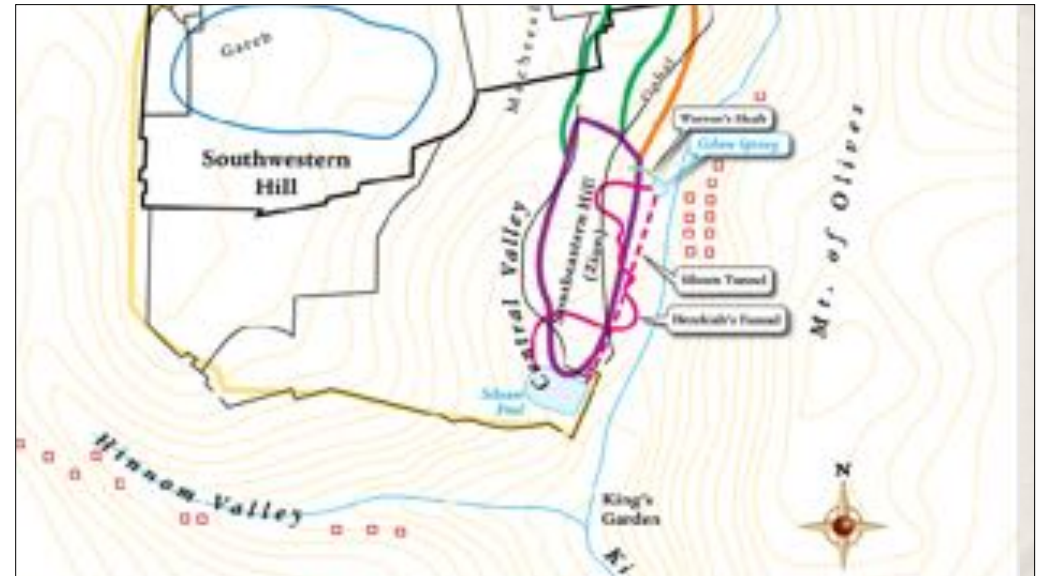
## Sign of Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz (Is 8:1-4)

1 Then Yahweh said to me [Isaiah], Take a large placard (גְּזֵיֶן) and write on it with a man's stylus, Belonging to **Maher-shalal-hash-baz** ["Speed-spoil-haste-booty"]. 2 And I will get reliable witnesses, Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah, to attest for me. 3 And I [Isaiah] went to the prophetess (נְבִיאָה), and she conceived and bore a son. Then Yahweh said to me, Call his name **Maher-shalal-hash-baz**. 4 For before the boy knows how to cry my father or my mother, the **wealth of Damascus** and the **spoil of Samaria** will be carried away before the king of Assyria.



## Assyrian Flood (Is 8:5-8)

5 Yahweh spoke to me again: 6 Because this people [the ten northern tribes of Israel] has refused the waters of Shiloah [the line of David in Jerusalem] that flow gently and rejoice over Rezin and the son of Remaliah, 7 therefore behold, the Lord is bringing up against them the waters of the [Euphrates] River, mighty and many, the king of Assyria and all his glory, and it will rise over all its channels and go over all its banks. 8 And it will sweep on [past Israel] into Judah. It will overflow and pass on, reaching even to the neck [of Judah], and its outspread wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel.



## The Crowning of Solomon at Gihon (1 Kings 1)

**1 Ki 1:33-34** 33 The king [David] said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord and have Solomon my son ride on my own **mule**, and bring him down to **Gihon**. 34 And let Zadok the **priest** and Nathan the **prophet** there **anoint** him **king** over Israel. Then blow the **trumpet** and say, Long live King Solomon!

## Jesus and the Blind Man (John 9)

**Jn 9:6-7** 6 [Jesus] spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, Go, wash in the **pool of Siloam** (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.



# The Fountain of Living Waters

**Jeremiah 2:13-18** 13 ...My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water. ...18 And now what do you gain by going to Egypt to drink the waters of the Nile? Or what do you gain by going to Assyria to drink the waters of the Euphrates?

**John 7:37-38** 37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

**Revelation 22:17** 17 The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let the one who hears say, Come. And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

Tiglath-pileser III (745-727 bc)





## Shattering of Judah's Enemies (Is 8:9-10)

9 Be broken, you peoples, and be shattered. Give ear, all you far countries. Strap on your armor and be shattered. Strap on your armour and be shattered. 10 **Take counsel** together, but it will **come to nothing**. Speak a word, but it will not stand, for **Immanuel**.



## Sanctuary or Stone of Offense? (Is 8:11-15)

11 For Yahweh spoke thus to me [Isaiah] with his **strong hand** upon me and warned me not to walk in the way of this people saying: 12 Do not call **conspiracy** all that this people calls conspiracy, and do not **fear** what they fear, nor be in dread. 13 But Yahweh of hosts, him you shall **honor as holy**. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. 14 And he will become a **sanctuary** (מִקְדָּשׁ) and a **stone of offense** and a **rock of stumbling** to both houses of Israel, a **trap** and a **snare** to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And **many** [the majority] shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken. They shall be snared and taken.

## Messiah as Sanctuary

**Deuteronomy 33:27** 27 The eternal God is your **dwelling place**, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

**Psalms 18:2** 2 Yahweh is my **rock** (סֶלַע), my **mountain stronghold** (מְצוּדָה), and my deliverer (פֹּלֵט), my God, my **rock** (צוּר) in whom I take **refuge** (חֹסֶה), my **shield** (מָגֵן), and the **horn** (קֶרֶן) of my salvation (יִשְׁעַ), my **high point** (מִשְׁגֵּב).

**Psalms 32:7** 7 You are a **hiding place** (מְטָרָה) for me. You preserve me from trouble You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

## Messiah as Stone of Offense

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**Matthew 21:44** 44 The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.

**Luke 2:34** 34 Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, Behold, this child [Jesus] is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel.

**Romans 9:33** 33 As it is written, Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. And whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.

## Scripture or Sorcery? (Is 8:16-22)

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16 Bind up the testimony (תְּעֻדָּה). Seal the Torah (תּוֹרָה) among my disciples (לְמִיד). 17 I will wait (חָכָה) for Yahweh, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom Yahweh has given me are signs and portents in Israel from Yahweh of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. 19 And when they say to you, Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?

## Discipleship in Isaiah

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**Isaiah 50:4** 4 Lord Yahweh has given me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens. He awakens my ear to hear as a disciple.

**Isaiah 54:13** 13 All your children shall be discipled by Yahweh, and great shall be the peace of your children.

## Waiting Patiently as God Hides His Face

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**Isaiah 40:31** 31 They who wait for Yahweh shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

**Isaiah 54:8** 8 In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says Yahweh, your Redeemer.

**Psalms 27:14** 14 Wait for Yahweh. Be strong, and let your heart take courage. Wait for Yahweh!

## Scripture or Sorcery? (Is 8:16-22)

20 To the **Torah** (תּוֹרָה) and to the **testimony** (תְּעוּדָה)! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have **no dawn**. 21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. 22 And they will look to the earth, but behold, **distress and darkness**, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

## Isaiah 9 - A Child Is Born/Four God Smacks

- ❖ Galilee from Gloom to Glory (v. 1)
- ❖ A Child Is Born (vv. 2-7)
- ❖ First God Smack (vv. 8-12)
- ❖ Second God Smack (vv. 13-17)
- ❖ Third God Smack (vv. 18-21)
- ❖ Fourth God Smack (vv. 1-4)

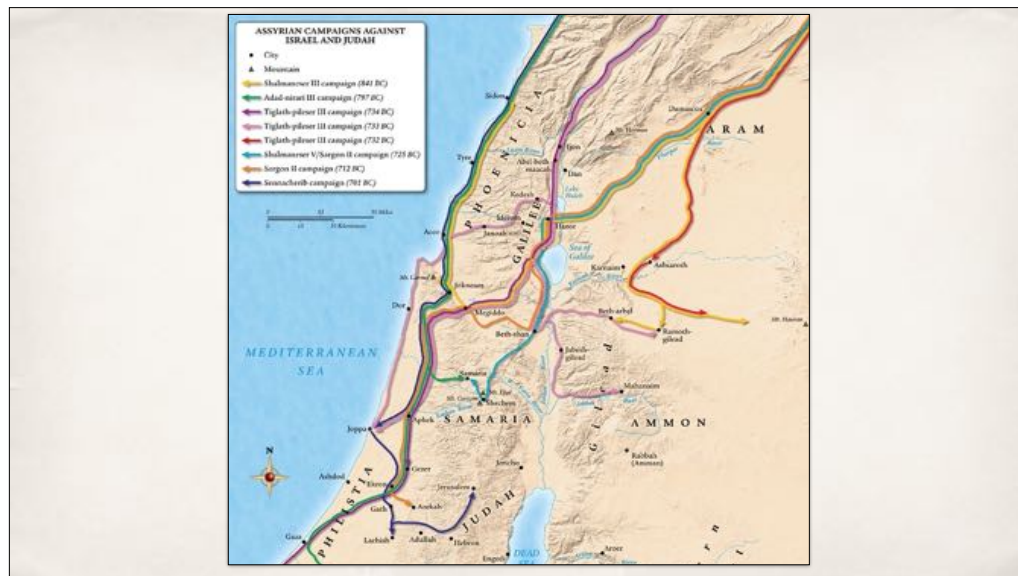


## Galilee from Gloom to Glory (Is 9:1)

1 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 [Yahweh] has made **glorious** the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, **Galilee of the nations** (גּוֹיִם).







## Galilee Conquered by Tiglath-Pileser III

**2 Kings 15:29** 29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, **Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria** came and captured Ijon, Abel-beth-maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and **Galilee**, all the land of **Naphtali**, and he carried the people captive to Assyria.

## Jesus' Ministry in Galilee

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**Matthew 4:13-25** 13 Leaving Nazareth [Jesus] went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of **Zebulun and Naphtali**, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet **Isaiah** might be fulfilled: 15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.... 23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24 So his fame spread throughout all **Syria**, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. 25 And great crowds followed him from **Galilee** and the **Decapolis**, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from **beyond the Jordan**.

## Jesus' Ministry in Galilee

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**Matthew 21:11** 11 The crowds said, This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of **Galilee**.

**Matthew 28:16** 16 Now the eleven disciples went to **Galilee**, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

**John 7:41-42** 41 Others said, This is the Messiah. But some said, Is the Messiah to come from **Galilee**? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Messiah comes from the seed of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?

**John 7:52** 52 They replied, Are you from **Galilee** too? Search and see that no prophet arises from **Galilee**.

## A Child Is Born (Is 9:2-7)

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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.

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6 For to us a **child** (יֶלֶד) is born, to us a **son** (בֶּן) is given, and the **government** (מִשְׁרָה) shall be on his shoulder. And his name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor** (פֶּלֶא יוֹעֵץ), **Mighty God** (אֵל גִּבּוֹר), **Everlasting Father** (אָבִי עוֹלָם), **Prince of Peace** (שֹׁרֵר שָׁלוֹם). 7 Of the increase of his government (מִשְׁרָה) and of peace (שָׁלוֹם) 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** (קִנְיָה) of Yahweh of hosts will do this.

## Messiah Jesus, the Great Light

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**Is 42:16** 16 And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

**Is 49:6** 6 ...It is too light a thing that you [Messiah] should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel. I [Yahweh] will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

## Messiah Jesus, the Great Light

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**Is 60:1-3** 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples. But Yahweh will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Mt 4:16** 16 ...The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light [Jesus], and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.

## Messiah Jesus, the Great Light

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**Lk 1:78-79** 78 ...Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high 79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Jn 1:4-5** 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

**Jn 1:9** 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

## Messiah Jesus, the Great Light

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**Jn 8:12** 12 Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

**Jn 9:5** 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

**Eph 5:8** 8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.... 14 Therefore it says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Messiah will shine on you.

**1 Jn 2:8** 8 ...The darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.



8 The Lord (יהוה) has sent a word against Jacob, and it will fall on Israel. 9 And all the people will know, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride (הַנִּלְוָה) and in arrogance (בְּגִבּוֹרַת) of heart, 10 The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones. The sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place. 11 But Yahweh raises the adversaries of Rezin against him and stirs up his enemies. 12 The Syrians on the east and the Philistines on the west devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.

## Second God Smack (Is 9:13-17)

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13 The people **did not turn** to him who struck them, nor inquire of Yahweh of hosts. 14 So Yahweh cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed in one day. 15 The **elder and honoured man** is the head, and the **prophet** who teaches lies is the tail. 16 For those who guide this people have been leading them astray, and those who are guided by them are swallowed up. 17 Therefore Yahweh does not rejoice over their young men and has **no compassion** on their fatherless and widows. For everyone is godless (גִּדְּוָה) and an **evildoer**, and every mouth speaks **folly**. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is **stretched out** still.

## Third God Smack (Is 9:18-21)

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18 For wickedness burns like a fire. It consumes briars and thorns. It kindles the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke. 19 Through the **wrath** of Yahweh of hosts the land is scorched, and the people are like fuel for the fire. No one spares another. 20 They slice meat on the right but are still **hungry**, and they devour on the left but are not satisfied. Each devours the flesh of his own arm. 21 Manasseh **devours** Ephraim, and Ephraim devours Manasseh. Together they are against Judah. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is **stretched out** still.

## Fourth God Smack (Is 10:1-4)

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10:1 Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing **oppression**, 2 to turn aside the needy from justice and to rob the poor of my people of their right, that widows may be their spoil and that they may make the fatherless their prey! 3 What will you do on the **day of punishment**, in the ruin that will come from afar? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth? 4 Nothing remains but to crouch among the **prisoners** or fall among the **slain**. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is **stretched out** still.