

A Great Light

December 21, 2014

Isaiah 9:1-7

- I. Background (Isaiah 8)
- II. The former time and the latter (verse 1)
 - A. The contrast: not of places but of *times*
 - B. Zebulun and Naphtali (see Judges 6:18)
 - C. Galilee of the nations (see Joshua 12:23; 2 Kings 15:29)
- III. God Promises Light (verse 2)
 - A. No longer darkness, but light
 - B. No longer death, but life
 - C. When did the Light of God appear?
- IV. God Promises Increase (verse 3)
 - A. The command of God in an unblemished world is *multiply*.
 - B. Increasing in number a great blessing, decreasing a great curse. (see Psalm 144:13-14; Jeremiah 29:6; Hosea 4:10)
 - C. When do we see the people of God increase?
- V. God Promises Peace (verses 4-5)
 - A. No more oppression or enslavement
 - B. No more violence and warfare
- VI. God Promises a Child (6-7)
 - A. Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace
 - B. The Son of David, who governs all with justice and mercy (see John 4:39, 41-42; Matthew 4:13, 17; John 1:4-5; Acts 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; Isaiah 40:2; Ephesians 2:14-16; Romans 5:1)