

Isaiah 9: Resolution of *the*
Conflict through Rulership

Review: Structure of Isaiah's
Sanctification Message, 8:16-

The Resolution of the Ruler

22 And at the land they will look

And Behold: distress and darkness!

Gloom of adversity!

And to darkness they will be driven

23 (9:1) But *there will be no* gloom like her *present* adversity:

Whereas in the first time He cursed

The land of Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali,

Later on He will make glorious

The Way of the Sea, the Land Across the
Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

The people who walk in darkness

Will see a great light

Those who live in a death-shadowed land

The Light will shine on them

The Part that Doesn't Fit...

- ...is the part that Matthew quotes!
 - Major supporting evidence for unity of Isaiah
 - Breaks the poetic structure in order to stand-out.
 - Was literally fulfilled in the First Advent of Messiah.
- Matt 4:14-16:
 - 14 *This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:*
 - 15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
 - 16 “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.”

Geography Matters

- The LAND includes much more than Judea.
- In Jesus' day, the Judeans were prejudiced against the people in Samaria and Galilee because they were racially mixed.
- Yet God's covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob includes all 12 Tribes.
- The Land is His gift to Jacob, including Zebulun and Naphtali.
- This prophecy from Isaiah is used in Matthew to remind the world of God's plan for Israel, based on His Grace.
- He has not finished with them, whether in Judea or anywhere on earth. Proof passage for a future glory in Israel: Is 4:2-6, Rom 11:26.

Do You See the Value to Going
Line-By-Line?

Back to the Prophecy in its
Context: 9:2-7

Is 9:2-7

2 The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the
shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

3 You have multiplied the nation
And increased its joy;
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest,
*As men rejoice when they divide the
spoil.*

4 For You have broken the yoke of his
burden
And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor,
As in the day of Midian.

5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy
battle,
And garments rolled in blood,
Will be used for burning *and fuel of fire.*

6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His
shoulder.

And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of *His government and peace*
There will be no end,

Upon the throne of David and over His
kingdom,

To order it and establish it with judgment and
justice

From that time forward, even forever.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform
this.

Isaiah 9:2

The people who walk in darkness,

They will see great light;

Those who dwell in a land of the death-shadow

A light will shine upon them

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Major Themes

1. God does the shining of light.
2. Man is in darkness because of his own rebellion.
3. God brought the darkness.
4. Therefore it is His to remove in grace.
5. Man has free will to make decisions, but he has no choice whatsoever about the consequences of those decisions.

Is 9:3

You will cause to increase the nation.

To it you will cause to be great the jubilation

They will rejoice before your face

Like the jubilation of the harvest,

**Like when they shout for joy in the division
of the spoil.**

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An Expectation of Literal Fulfillment

1. God's focus remains on the Land and the People to whom He gave it.
2. Joy is God's eternal experience.
3. Therefore it is His to dispense.
4. He will cause light and joy for Israel, and they will rejoice in His presence.
5. No happiness or enjoyment in life can compare to fellowship with God on His terms.
 - Health & Wealth vs. Doom & Gloom

Jesus Came, but...

1. Part of this prophecy was fulfilled in the First Advent and part was not.
2. Which parts? The Light shined in the dark place, Matt 4:14-16 *and* 17.\
3. The Israel did not rejoice in the presence of the LORD.
4. The disconnect with what happened and what Isaiah prophesied tells us either that God failed to fulfill what He said or that Isaiah 9 is not done yet!
5. Your categorical eschatology comes from a verse-by-verse exegetical, historical observation of the Text.

Is 9:4

FOR the yoke of its burden

and

the staff of its shoulder,

The rod of forced labor against it

You will shatter like *in* the day of Midian

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Jesus in Contrast to Gentile Oppression of Israel

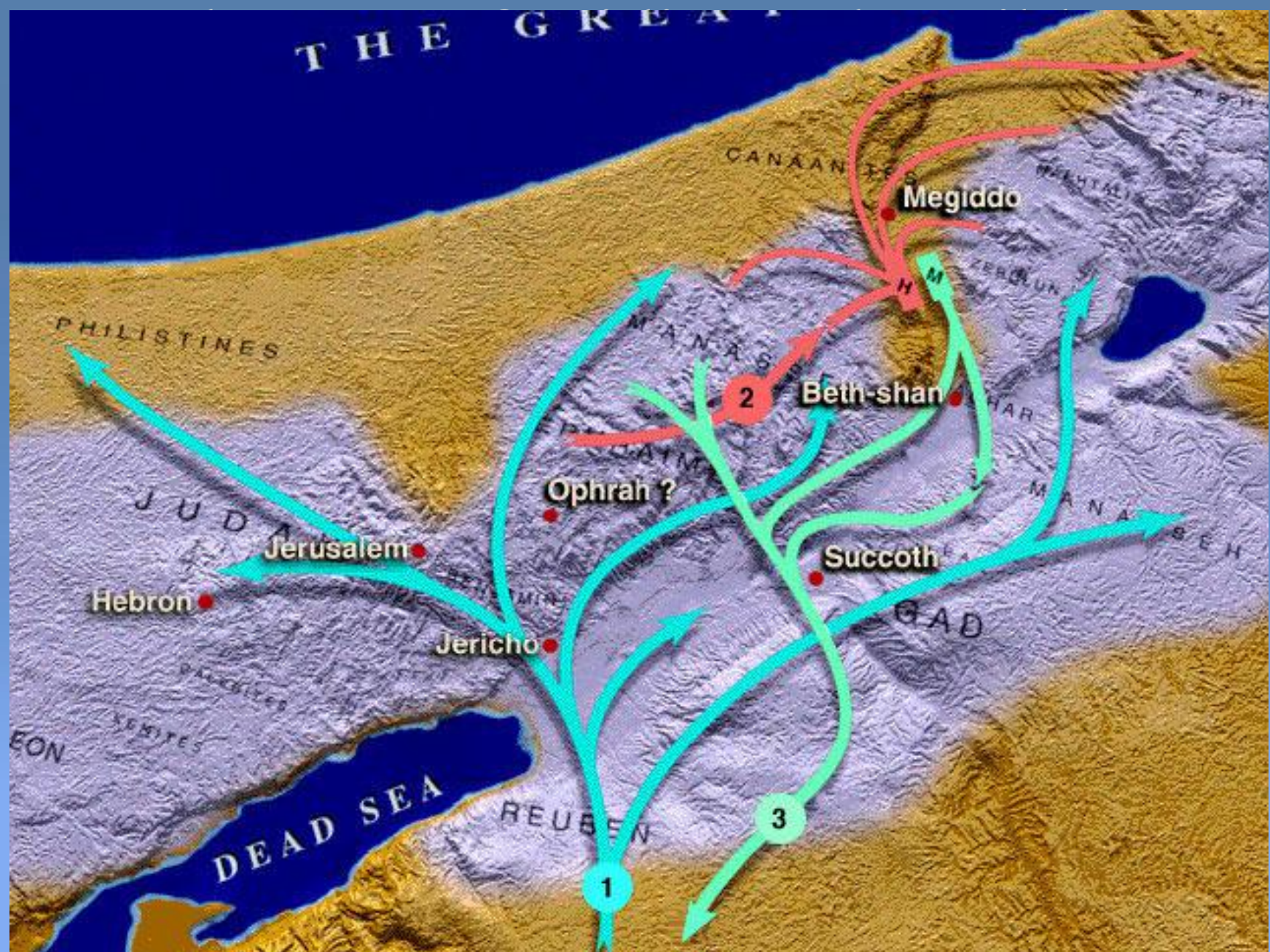
28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

29 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

30 “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

1. There *is* a yoke of authority!!
2. It is a burden of righteousness.
3. The King’s subjects may bear it only by God’s grace.
4. The answer is a *different* authority, not *no* authority.

THE GREAT



Megiddo

Beth-shan

Succoth

Ophrah ?

Jerusalem

Hebron

Jericho

1

3

2

PHILISTINES

CANAANITES

JUDAH

REUBEN

GAD

DEAD SEA

EON

PARABOLIS

SEMITES

MANASSE

SHAR

ZEROUN

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Doggerel and Gideon

The Youngest of the Least

God a promise from the Lord

And so he cast a fleece

Not believing in His Word.

And yet he won the battle

By just playing in a band

But really it was God

Driving Midian from the Land.

Is 9:5

FOR every boot that marches with a roar

and

Every cloak having been rolled in blood

Will be for incineration, food for the fire.

Is 9:6

FOR a child (YELED) will be born (YuLAD) to
us (LANU)

A Son (BEN) will be given (NITTAN) to us
(LANU)

And the dominion will be upon His shoulder

And it will call His Name PehLeH YOETS, EL
GIBBOR, AVIYaD, SAR SHALOM.