

“The Mystery Of His Coming”

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Imagine having to live in a place where you are surrounded by enemies and your country's allies are pressuring your leaders to join forces. The pressure and stress is distracting them from looking to the Lord for direction. Rather than seeking the Lord for His wisdom, leaders become reactionary by compromising moral integrity for the illusion of peace. The bible says in **Ecclesiastes 1:9 NIV** *What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.*

In a day that Judah's enemies seemed to grow in strength and tighten their grasp which would send them into Babylonian exile, God gave a prophetic word of Hope. Prior to receiving the Words from Isaiah, they wondered if God was for them or against them or if He had simply abandoned them.

The word of the Lord came to Isaiah at a critical time when people were losing hope because of their continual conflicts between surrounding nations. It was 740 years before a pivotal night in the obscure little village of Bethlehem that the prophetic message was to take place and the Mystery revealed of a Messiah.

As citizens of the United States of America, we have no clue of living under the constant threat of being surrounded by enemies and avoiding their gun fire.

Scripture Text: Isaiah 9:6-7 NIV *6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

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God addresses the needs of His People by selecting His only Son to be a child whose name would signify the **presence of God: Immanuel - God with us!** The Jewish nation and the world at large would receive a gifted

child who possessed the Spirit and will of God. This Holy Child would be sent to **US** from above and not from the defilement of earth's corruption.

This glorious prophecy of the birth of Messiah reminds Israel of a great hope that the Messiah would bring deliverance, truth and justice. The child (Jesus) had to fully identify with humanity and display in His life the servant nature that is in God. **Philippians 2:7** *“He made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”*

As a child, He would feel everything that we felt and there is nothing weaker, more helpless, more dependent than a child. He was born of virgin, conceived by Holy Spirit and that made Him the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Hebrews 4:15 ESV *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”*

God had made man for a loving relationship and sin had severed that reality. From the very moment of man's sin, God purposed to redeem us and restore our relationship with him. In **Genesis 3:15** *God promised to defeat the Serpent through the offspring of the woman.* **Romans 6:23 AKJV** *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

We were given the Son of God; God incarnate (**embodied**) in human flesh to live amongst us in perfect unity with God the Father and Holy Spirit! This child would one day rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords reigning over all the governments of the world during His millennium and beyond. {Revelations 22:5}

He is called Wonderful Counselor and He transcends human understanding. **Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV 8** “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. **9** “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

He is Mighty God who operates outside of human limitations and He created all things. **John 1:3-4 NIV 3** *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.* **4** *In him was*

life, and that life was the light of all mankind. In Him dwells all the fullness of the Deity in bodily form (**Colossians 2:9**).

Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

He is called Everlasting Father because every period of time exist in Him. Hebrews 1:1-2 NIV1 *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.*

He alone decreed that ***“I am the Way the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father except through me.”*** (**John 14:6 NKJV**)

He is called the Prince of Peace because He is the One who makes peace, especially between God and man. **John 14:27 NIV** *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid.* Whenever man establishes peace in the land, it is always conditional and never lasting because the nature of man is corrupt and sinful. If we try to hold on to some impure thing in our life, we can never have peace because the enemy will keep us ensnared in his web of lies and deceit.

Jesus brought the sword of Truth to cut away those things that would derail us from His peace. **Matthew 10:34** *“Don’t imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.*

VERSE 7 *Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

Jesus’ reigning on King David’s throne has yet to be fulfilled. When this happens all enemies of Jesus Christ will be defeated. We will reign with him throughout all eternity.

Applications:

God has provided an eternal hope for all people to live in His presence.

True peace can only be received through a relationship with the Prince of Peace.