

Isaiah 9

For to us a child is born

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 has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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.

⁶ For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace

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 of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Judgment on arrogance and oppression

⁸ The Lord 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 and in arrogance 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 the LORD 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.

¹³ The people did not turn to him who struck them,
nor inquire of the LORD of hosts.

¹⁴ So the LORD 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 the Lord does not rejoice over their young men,
and has no compassion on their fatherless and widows;

for everyone is godless and an evildoer,
and every mouth speaks folly.

For all this his anger has not turned away,
and his hand is stretched out still.

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 the LORD 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.

Isaiah 10

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.

Cross References

Matthew 4 v 13 to 16: ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he 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—
¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

John 8 v 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.”

Judges 7 v 19 to 23: ¹⁹ So Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outskirts of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, when they had just set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and smashed the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the jars. They held in their left hands the torches, and in their right hands the trumpets to blow. And they cried out, “A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!” ²¹ Every man stood in his place around the camp, and all the army ran. They cried out and fled. ²² When they blew the 300 trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his comrade and against all the army. And the army fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah,^[a] as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath. ²³ And the men of Israel were called out from Naphtali and from Asher and from all Manasseh, and they pursued after Midian.

Ephesians 2 v 6: ... and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...

John 3 v 16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Revelation 11 v 15: Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

2 Samuel 7 v 13: ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

Luke 1 v 30 to 33: ³⁰ And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

2 Kings 15 v 37: In those days the LORD began to send Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.