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Isaiah Deals With A Decline In Israel's Spiritual Status

Isaiah 1:2 (NIV84) — 2 Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the Lord has spoken: “I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me.

Isaiah 1:3 (NIV84) — 3 The ox knows his master, the donkey his owner’s manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand.”

Isaiah 1:4 (NIV84) — 4 Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.
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Israel's Predicament and Ours

- Past Problems
- Divisions
- Invading Armed Nations
- The Need Of An Up-To-Date Relationship With God
Setting Of Isa 9:1-7: King Ahaz Was Far From God And Living In Darkness – He Led And The People Followed

Isaiah 9:1-2 (NIV) (1) Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan— (2) The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.
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**Isaiah 9:3-5** You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. (4) For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. (5) Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.
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**Isaiah 9:6-7** 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 increase 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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A CHILD WHO BRINGS Good News For Your Predicament

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- WHEN MESSIAH ARISES, HE WILL WIPE AWAY GLOOM AND DARKNESS

No More Gloom for The Distressed
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Where Does This Darkness Come From In The First Place?

• How Do People End Up In Darkness And Gloom?

Isaiah 8:19–22 (NIV84) — 19 When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. 21 Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. 22 Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness.
How Did People Get To This Place Of Darkness & Gloom

• They Listened To The Wrong Voices
• They Followed The Wrong Directions
• The Looked For Life & Direction In Those Who Had Neither
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Christ Is The One Who Can Wipe Out Gloom And Distress And Can Bring

- *Honor Is Coming to The Land of The Gentiles—Galilee*

A Child Who Brings Light To The Darkness -- A Light Has Come-

This Light That Is Coming

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- A Light To Those Walking In Darkness
- A Light To Those Living In The Shadow Of Death

Light Is What Makes Vision Possible
Light Is Illumination -- The Opposite Of Darkness.
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The Bible Presents Light As The Symbol Of God's Presence And Righteous Activity.

Light Represents Truth, Goodness, And God's Redemptive Work. Darkness, On The Other Hand, Symbolizes Error, Evil, And The Works Of Satan

Jesus said "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).

1 John 1:5 ... “God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.”
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Where There Is Light There Is Guidance—Illumination—
Guidance—Warning

• Light Is Not Defeated By Darkness – It Overcomes Darkness

Isaiah 60:1–3 (NIV84) — 1 “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
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This Child Will Bring An Increasing Joy

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Rejoice Because -- A Growing Nation Is Being Enlarged
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Rejoice Like A Bumper Crop Harvest

Rejoice Like You're Dividing The Plunder

Rejoice That The Yoke Of Oppression Is Shattered
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Rejoice Because It Is Peacetime
• Christ Has Come To Usher In His Victory
• A Victory Marked By Joy And Peace

A Peace That Comes By Way Of The Long-awaited Messiah
To Institute His Government Which Will Rest Firmly On His Broad Shoulders

Zechariah 14:9 (NIV84) — 9 The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.
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One of the defining marks of his reign will be peace on earth

Luke 2:11-14 NIV (11) Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (12) This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (13) Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, (14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Jesus Christ-- The Prince Of Peace -- Wants To Establish His Peace In Our Hearts
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A Child is Born: Who Will Rule And Reign

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