

CHRISTMAS IN ISAIAH

Isaiah 9:6-7

One of joys of having a brand new baby is sending out birth announcements to family and friends. “a boy...a girl!” As you know, Faith and I had the joy of sending these three times as God gave us Sara, David, and then Jonathan. The thing about birth announcements is they are always sent out after the baby is born for obvious reasons. The unusual thing about our text today is that God sent a birth announcement of His Son 700 years before Jesus was born. Only our all-knowing God could do such a thing.

FOUR QUALITIES OF THE COMING PRINCE OF PEACE DRIVING US TO WORSHIP

ONLY HIM. “Come and adore Him”

I. This Prince Would Make His Entrance As A Helpless Baby. (v.6)

- A. God sent His Son as a helpless baby. In the Hebrew, the word “baby” occurs first...emphasis. Can you imagine the solution for peace was lying in a manger! Not in the UN...
- B. This baby was given to Israel. “to us.”
This is strange language to say, “A son is given.” You would never express it that way. Isaiah is using language trying to describe a very unusual birth, the virgin birth.
How would you describe the birth of One who has existed from eternity past?

II. This Prince Will One Day Rule Over All The Earth. (v.6)

“the government will be upon His shoulders.”

- A. There have been many less than desirable kings and rulers, but one day the ideal King will rule this earth forever...and it will not be a democracy.
Jesus will rule and you will not vote.
- B. Zechariah 14:9 tells us that He will rule “over all the world... as King.”
- C. Furthermore, the prophet Micah pin points the place of His birth...“Bethlehem” (Micah 5:2) and that this One to reign is God. “Whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

III. This Prince's Magnificent Character Will Be Clearly Identified. (v.6)

These names tell of His character and nature.

- A. He is the “Wonderful Counselor.”
 - 1. He is beyond extraordinary. “wonderful,” “exceptional,” “Incomprehensible to us.”
 - 2. Absolute wisdom is His. He seeks no counsel from others. He is “the Teacher.”

