

## Isaiah 9:1-7 • A Child is Born; A Son is Given

*The Christian story is precisely the story of **one grand miracle**, the Christian assertion being that what is beyond all space and time, what is uncreated, eternal, came into nature, into human nature, descended into His own universe, and rose again, bringing nature up with Him. It is precisely one great miracle. If you take that away there is nothing specifically Christian left. There may be many admirable human things which Christianity shares with all other systems in the world, but there would be nothing specifically Christian.*

**C.S. Lewis**

Daniel 2:36 “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.

Daniel 2:37 You, O king, the king of kings, **to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory,**

Daniel 2:38 and into whose hand **he has given**, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, **making you rule** over them all—**you are the head of gold.**

Daniel 2:39 Another **kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you**, and yet a **third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.**

Daniel 2:40 And there shall be a **fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things.** And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.

Daniel 2:41 And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.

Daniel 2:42 And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.

Daniel 2:43 As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.

Daniel 2:44 And in the days of those kings the **God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed**, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. **It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms** and bring them to an end, and **it shall stand forever**,

Daniel 2:45 just as you saw that **a stone** was cut from a mountain **by no human hand**, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. **A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.**”

Isaiah 28:16 therefore thus says the **Lord God**, “Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, **a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone**, of a **sure foundation**: ‘**Whoever believes** will not be in haste.’

Acts 4:11 This **Jesus is the stone** that was **rejected** by you, the builders, which **has become the cornerstone**.

Isaiah 8:13 But the **Lord of hosts**, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

Isaiah 8:14 And he (**Lord of hosts**) will become a **sanctuary** and **a stone** of offense and a **rock** of stumbling to both houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 8:15 And **many shall stumble** on it. **They** shall fall and be broken; **they** shall be snared and taken.”

Isaiah 8:21 **They** will pass through the land, **greatly distressed** and **hungry**. And when **they** are **hungry**, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously **against their king and their God**, and turn their faces upward.

Isaiah 8:22 And **they will look to the earth**, but **behold, distress** and **darkness, the gloom of anguish**. And **they will be thrust into thick darkness**.

Isaiah 9:1 But there **will be** no gloom for her who **was in anguish**. In the **former time** he (**Lord of hosts**) brought into contempt the **land of Zebulun** and the **land of Naphtali**, but in the **latter time** he (**Lord of hosts**) has made **glorious the way** of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, **Galilee of the nations** (*goy*).

Isaiah 9:2 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**.

John 8:12 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**.”

Matthew 4:13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of **Zebulun** and **Naphtali**,

Matthew 4:14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah **might be fulfilled**:

Matthew 4:15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, **Galilee of the Gentiles**—

Matthew 4:16 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.”

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Isaiah 9:3 You (**Lord of hosts**) have multiplied the nation; you (**Lord of hosts**) have increased its joy; **they (formerly in deep darkness)** rejoice before you (**Lord of hosts**) as with **joy at the harvest**, as **they (formerly in deep darkness)** are glad when **they divide the spoil**.

Isaiah 9:4 For the yoke of his (**those formerly in deep darkness**) burden, and the staff for his (**those formerly in deep darkness**) shoulder, the rod of his (**those formerly in deep darkness**) oppressor, you (**Lord of hosts**) have broken as on the day of Midian.

Judges 7:2 The Lord said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘**My own hand has saved me.**’

Romans 5:19 For as by the **one man’s** disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the **one man’s** obedience the many will be made righteous.

1Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and **there is one mediator** between God and men, **the man Christ Jesus,**

Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the **devil,**

Isaiah 9:5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood **will be** burned as fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:6 For to us (**formerly in deep darkness**) a **child is born,** to us (**formerly in deep darkness**) a **son is given;** and the **government shall be upon his shoulder,** and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

### **A child is born**

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

John 1:14 And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### **A son is given**

Matthew 3:17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, “**This is my beloved Son,** with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Galatians 4:4 But when the **fullness of time had come**, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

Galatians 4:5 to **redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.**

Isaiah 9:7 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.

Revelation 1:5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the **ruler of kings on earth.** To him who **loves us** and has **freed us from our sins** by **his blood**

Revelation 1:6 and **made us a kingdom**, priests to his God and Father, **to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.**

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