

Arriving At Redemption **Isaiah 8:18-9:7**

- I. The Darkness That Comes From Rejecting God and His Word (8:18-22)
 - A. Isaiah's children as prophetic words
 - 1. Shear-jashub: A remnant shall return
 - 2. Maher-shalal-hash-baz: hurry spoil; be swift plunder
 - B. Where do you seek truth, hope, and righteousness?
 - 1. From the false wisdom of the world?
 - 2. From the unshakeable, immovable truth of God?
 - C. Only darkness comes when the light is rejected:
 - 1. Those who live in their sin and pride will seek peace and not find it
 - 2. Then they will blame God as if they were not at fault
 - 3. Then they will be in anguish and darkness, because they have rejected the light
- II. Yet, THE LIGHT HAS COME! (9:1-7)
 - A. The land received judgment at the hand of God
 - B. Yet, even in the land of the Gentiles, redemption is coming
 - C. The Description of Isaiah 9:1-7
 - 1. Those in darkness see the light
 - 2. The nations increase in joy
 - 3. The oppressor is overthrown
 - 4. All striving ceases
 - 5. Through: a child born/a son given
 - 6. This child is amazing
 - 7. This child's kingdom is incredible
 - 8. God Himself brings all of this to pass
- III. Jesus Is The Child and the Son
 - A. Consider the promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 – Global Blessing
 - B. The nation of Israel was to be an extension of this global blessing: Exodus 19:5-6
 - C. This inclusion of the Gentiles in the blessing was included throughout the Old Testament: (see Genesis 49:10)
 - D. Jesus as the fulfillment of this prophecy and the promised global blessing:
 - 1. The Light shines on people in darkness (Jesus is the light – John 1:4-5)
 - 2. The people of God has been multiplied out into the nations (Acts 15:12-18)
 - 3. The “oppressor” has been defeated in a surprising and unexpected way, just as in the “day of Midian” (cf. Judges 6-7, see also 1 Corinthians 1:18-31)
 - 4. In this present “Gospel Kingdom”, the kingdom of God does not advance by the power of the sword, but by the power of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:10-20; remembering that Jesus is the armor of God)
 - 5. Jesus is the child born (of Mary) and the Son given (eternal Sonship)
 - 6. He is to be on David's throne (and is now)
 - 7. Four point designation:
 - a. Wonderful Counselor – wise planner (contrast with Ahaz)
 - b. Mighty God – God in the flesh; Immanuel (John 1:1-2)
 - c. Everlasting Father – not Father in the Trinitarian sense: “benevolent protector” (cf. Isaiah 22:21; Job 29:16; Psalm 103:13)
 - d. Prince of Peace – (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:14)
 - 8. His reign shall not end
 - 9. God Himself will accomplish all of this!