

Hope of the Prophets
Isaiah 9:1-7
12-18-22

OUR HOPE IS ANTICIPATORY:

Isaiah 9:2 - *"The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great LIGHT"*

I. Message of Hope = Light is Coming

Isaiah 9:4 - *"Yoke...staff...rod...You have broken..."*

II. Message of Hope = Oppression Will End

Isaiah 9:4 - *"...as on the day of Midian"*

III. Message of Hope = Unlikely Victory

Isaiah 9:5 - *"Every boot of the trampling warrior...every garment rolled in blood will be BURNED"*

IV. Message of Hope = Peace is Coming

QUESTIONS RAISED:

V. How Will This Hope Come?

~ Through a CHILD

Isaiah 9:6 - *"For unto us a CHILD is born..."*

VI. What Will This Child Do?

Isaiah 9:7 - *"On the throne of David and over his kingdom to establish and uphold it...from this time forth and forevermore"*

1. Rule on David's throne

2. Fulfill the anticipation of the promises of God

GROWING DEEPER THIS WEEK

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 1:27-31

2. Why do you think God chose such an unlikely way to introduce Jesus? (ie. born in a manger, to poor parents...)

3. What does it teach us about God that He would choose to introduce Jesus in this way?

4. How does knowing that God wins in unlikely ways encourage you?

5. God speaks to His people through Isaiah, and He points back to a promise He made with David in 2 Samuel 7 (hundreds of years prior to this). What does this tell us about God and His promises?

6. How does it encourage you to know that God has always kept his promises?

7. Why is it important for us to remind ourselves of God's promises in difficult days?

8. How do the promises of God relate to the Hope that we have been talking about?

** Take some time and pray together for our upcoming Christmas Eve service. Pray that God would bring unsaved people to hear the message of Hope in the Gospel. Pray for the people you are going to invite.*