

Isaiah 9:1-10

Israel Rejects the Light

1. Preface to Chapter 9

- a. Ch.7-9 a historical message to Ahaz to encourage him to have hope.
- b. Immanuel: the prophecy (ch7), land/meaning (ch8), birth and reign (ch 9:6-7)
- c. Stone (8:14), many fall, few chosen (15), signs/ wonders (18), light from word (20)
- d. 8:22 – no light in them → cast into darkness – see also Mt 8:12
- e. Israel's light diminished to darkness – Rom 11:12 – but also hope – 8:10, 8:17

2. 9:1-5 – Light and Darkness (Isaiah)

- a. 1) “*shall not be such*” - 2 ways: 1) light will be shined; 2) punishment won't be light
- b. “*her vexation*” – 1) Pekah - 2Ki 15:29, 2) Asa and Oded - 2 Ch 14:9, 15:1-8, 16:1-8
- c. 2) Where is this valley? – In Israel, described as Zebulun, Naphtali, Galilee.
- d. “*seen a great light*” – remember Gideon's small band? Amos, Isaiah, Hos, Micah
- e. 3) “*not increased the joy*” – They did not joy in the Lord, but in harvest and spoil.
 - i. 4) because he removed their trouble, they took pride in a victory not theirs.
 - ii. “*as in the day of Midian*” – with Gideon's lights, noise, and fighting.
 - iii. 5) “*burning and fuel of fire*” – destruction, not simply conquering.

3. 9:1-5 – Light and Darkness (Jesus)

- a. 1) Fulfilled in Jesus when he went to the dark land - Mt 4:15-16
- b. 2) The people in the valley are not the enemies, but Israel itself – Lk 1:79
- c. 3-4) They rejoiced in Jesus when he helped, but not in his sufferings – Jn 6:2,14,29
- d. 5) Burning and fuel of fire – the wrath of God – Mt 3:12, Mk 9:44, Rev 18:16-18

4. 9:6-10 – A Child Reigns / Rejected

- a. “*unto us*” – the covenant people, the city of David – Lk 2:11, John 3:16-17
- b. The fulfillment is split – 1) child born = MMLJ, 2) government = Revelation 20
 - i. “*will you at this time?*” valid questions – Lk 23:19-25, Acts 1:6-7
- c. “*everlasting*” “*no end*” “*upon the throne of David*” ... Israel forever – Rom 11:12
- d. 8-10) This is Israel's rejection of the light and child due to pride (not 9/11 in USA¹)

¹<https://graceambassadors.com/prophecy/9-harbingers-of-bad-doctrine>