

**Sermon, July 17, 2011**  
***“The Fifth Gospel”, Isaiah 9:1-7***  
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**The Books of Prophecy**

- Major Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekial, Daniel
- Minor Prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

**Overview of Isaiah:**

- Isaiah, son of Amos, is the author.
- Written sometime around 700BC.
- Some call it the “little Bible”; it has 66 chapters as Scripture has 66 books, two divisions chapters 1-39 and 40-66 (like the OT and NT)
- Others call it the “Fifth Gospel” because of its message of repentance and restoration
- Quoted 65 times by the New Testament authors
- Many Messianic prophecies:
  - Isaiah 7:14 - **Isaiah foreshadowed the virgin birth of Jesus**
  - Isaiah 9:6-7 - **There would be a son called God**
  - Isaiah 35:4-6 - **He would perform miracles**
  - Isaiah 40:1-5,9 **The Messiah would be preceded by a messenger**
  - Isaiah 49:6 - **God's salvation would reach the ends of the earth**
  - Isaiah 50:6 - **Jesus was spat upon and beaten**
  - Isaiah 53:1-3 **The Messiah would be rejected**
  - Isaiah 53:4-6 **God's servant would die for our sins**
  - Isaiah 53:7 **God's servant would be silent before his accusers**
  - Isaiah 53:9 **God's servant would be buried in a rich man's tomb**
  - Isaiah 53:12 **Servant would be "numbered with the transgressors"**
- **Overall Outline of Isaiah<sup>1</sup>:**
  - I. Rebuke and Promise (1:1-6:13)
  - II. Immanuel and His Kingdom (7:1-12:6)
  - III. Judgment Against the Nations (13:1-23:18)
  - IV. Judgment and Promise (24:1-27:13)
  - V. Six Woes on Israel and Assyria (28:1-33:24)
  - VI. Judgment and Promise (34:1-35:10)
  - VII. From the Assyrian Threat to the Babylonian Exile (36:1-39:8)
  - VIII. Deliverance and Restoration of Israel (40:1-48:22)
  - IX. The Servant's Ministry and Israel's Restoration (49:1-57:21)
  - X. Everlasting Deliverance and Judgment (58:1-66:24)

**Major Themes of Isaiah:**

- Condemnation of idolatry and empty religious practices and rituals
- Portrays God as “the Holy One of Israel”
- The “Remnant” will return, the people of God have future hope
- The Servant of the Lord
- The Spirit of the Lord brings order out of chaos
- Fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies; exile, Cyrus, Messiah, ...
- God as Savior and Redeemer

While there are hundreds of Old Testament Prophecies concerning the coming Messiah the great importance of prophecy/God's Word is that it speaks to you about Jesus Christ.

***Throughout the Old Testament the prophecy of Messiah was forth told...  
the One who restores your relationship with God.***

In our Scripture passage today the coming of messiah is outlined...

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<sup>1</sup>NASB Reference Bible, 2000.

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1. **The Messiah will come from Galilee.**
  - **Isaiah 9:1** *But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.*
2. **Truth will be revealed by God Himself**
  - **Isaiah 9:2** <sup>2</sup> *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.* Also, **Matthew 4:16 (Isaiah 60:1-3)**
3. **God’s Kingdom will reign**
  - **Isaiah 9:3** <sup>3</sup> *You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.* **Daniel 2:44; Luke 1:33**
4. **Messiah will lead us out of the oppression of sin and restore our relationship with God**
  - **Isaiah 9:4-5** <sup>4</sup> *For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.* <sup>5</sup> *For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.*
  - It is Christ who leads us out of oppression of sin and restores our relationship with God so all the stuff of the warfare of sin (*boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood*) are of no use to us now. **Why?**
5. **Because Messiah will come to meet our every need**
  - **Isaiah 9:6** <sup>6</sup> *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***
  - Child is born for us, a Son is given to us...the whole person and purpose of Christ is **given** to us...salvation, restoration, and reconciliation...
  - God incarnate, Messiah, Jesus Christ will have rule, dominion, authority, (government) which rests on His shoulders.
6. He is the **Wonderful Counselor**...astonishing and wonderful advisor
  - **Colossians 2:2-3; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:17; Colossians 1:9**
7. **Mighty God**...Jesus is God, ...*and she will call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*
  - God with us,,is mighty, a defender, a conqueror, a servant King, but also a warrior King...defending us against what? **Ephesians 6:12**
8. **Everlasting Father**...**the good news from the mighty God will be of perpetual duration, His work, message, and promise to us is eternal, Messiah will be a Father to His people eternally.**
9. **Prince of Peace**...
  - The life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ made atonement for our sins and as we trust in Him as Lord and Savior we live in peace, reconciled to God. **Romans 5:1**
  - The peace is an internal peace while we live on the earth in these mortal bodies. While there are and will be external struggles and calamity in life on earth there is an inner peace that the Lord gives to us. **Philippians 4:7**
  - **Isaiah 9:7** <sup>7</sup> *His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*
10. **God accomplishes our salvation, restoration, and reconciliation. As believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior we are brought back into a relationship with God...Eternal and assured.**
  - **Ephesians 2:8-9**