

## Another prophecy from Isaiah Isaiah 9:1-7

About 100 years after the prophet Elijah another prophet (someone who speaks God's words) was doing God's work trying to turn the people back to God. We have already looked at one prophecy from Isaiah on Day 1 about the shoot from the stump of Jesse. Many of Isaiah's prophecies were about the Messiah. The Messiah was promised all through the Old Testament – right from that moment in the garden of Eden. Messiah is the promised one of God, especially chosen and anointed to bring about change. The people of Israel always hoped that Messiah would bring them out of whatever bad circumstances they were currently in, but if we look closely at many of the messianic prophecies there is a promise of something deeper, richer and more everlasting.

Today's passage is well-known and often used at Christmas. It tells of the change that Messiah would bring and of the kind of ruler he was going to be.

Listen to the words of Isaiah here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctLXje\\_eiFw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctLXje_eiFw)

And watch a video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEpSXxL4Nn4>

### 1. Our fifteenth decoration for the Jesse Tree

Our decoration today is to do with LIGHT but it can be anything you want it to be. Again be creative!

If you haven't already got lights on your Jesse Tree maybe today you could add some lights to it.

Or maybe you think it would look good with a spotlight on it, lighting up the whole tree – you could see whether the spotlight looks better shining from the back or the front.

Or you might want to put a lit star on the top of the tree.

### 2. Mini Bible study

Read the passage – it's on the other page.

Colour in lightly in yellow all the words of hope and positivity in this passage.

If you think an idea is a good one colour it lightly in orange.

Look at the colour of the passage now – is this a good prophecy or a bad one?

Look at verses 6-7. Write down what kind of a person the child is going to be.

Who do you think this prophecy is about?

### 3. Change the world

It's obvious that this Messiah is going to change the world.

How can you change the world?

**God is calling you to change the world one life at a time and one small step at a time.**

**Begin today where you are.**

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*Isaiah 9:1-7*

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.