

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

NOTES:

MATTHEW CONNECTS ISAIAH'S PROPHECY TO JESUS

Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:" (1-2) "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Matthew 4:13-16

PROPHECIES OFTEN HAVE MORE THAN ONE PROMISE

The prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven.

1 Peter 1:10-12

So you, too, must keep watch! For you do not know the day or hour of my return. Matthew 25:13

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

Never did a man speak the way this man speaks. John 7:46

See also Isaiah 28:29

MIGHTY GOD

He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:2-3

See also Colossians 2:9

EVERLASTING FATHER

I and the Father are one.

John 10:30

See also John 14:18

PRINCE OF PEACE

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we *have* peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

<u>See also Isaiah 11</u>

Community Group Questions:

What is your most important takeaway from Isaiah's proclamation? How can we share hope of Christ at Christmastime?

Are you living in anticipation of Jesus' second coming? How so?