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Talk together about the glory of God's kingdom. –Psalm 145:11
Love the Lord your God and **walk** in all his ways. –Joshua 22:5

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The King Was Promised
Isaiah 9:1–7

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Questions for Reflection or Discussion

Observation — What does it say?

1. What contrasts do you see between the conditions described in v. 1–2 and those described in v. 3–5?

2. What descriptions of the coming ruler do you find in v. 6 (before the four titles are given)? Then, what light do those descriptions throw on the four titles he bears, "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace?"

3. What do we learn about the extent, duration, character, and establishment of this King's rule (v. 7)?

Interpretation — What does it mean?

4. What does the title, "Wonderful Counselor," suggest about the wisdom, understanding, and plans of this coming King? How would His counsel differ from that of merely human rulers?

5. Why is it important that the One who promises deliverance in v. 1–5 is Himself the Mighty God?

6. What does the title, "Everlasting Father," communicate about this King's relationship with His people? How does it forecast His care, compassion, protection, and provision?

7. What is the significance of the fact that this King's peace is described as continually increasing and everlasting?

Application — What do I do with this?

8. Notice how these four titles complement one another, making Jesus the "complete package!" What would be missing if this King possessed only one or two of these qualities?

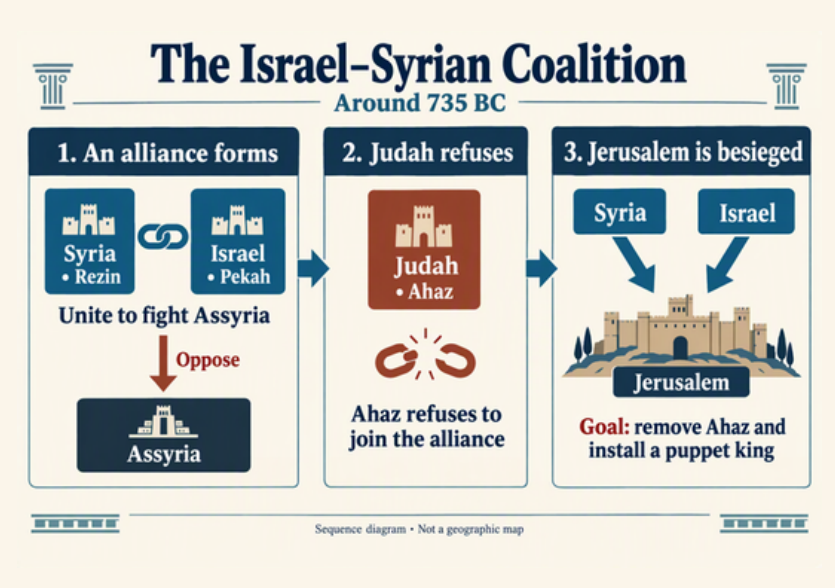
9. To what degree do you...
   - ... recognize your need for wonderful counsel in your daily life? Tell about an incident.
   - ... bow the knee to Mighty God? Practically speaking, how do you submit to King Jesus?
   - ... long for an everlasting experience of God's quality of fatherhood?
   - ... live in moment-by-moment awareness that the blood of Christ has fully and finally ended God's wrath at your sin, thus establishing peace?

Sermon Summary

Broken promises can damage trust. They can leave us wondering whether we should believe the next promise we hear. Sometimes that struggle finds its way into our relationship with God. Christmas reminds us that **divine delay is not divine** neglect. God had not misled His people, nor had He forgotten His promises. He was preparing the world for the fulfillment of His plan in His perfect timing. Christmas is the story of a God who keeps His Word.

I. God Gives Hope in the Darkness (Isaiah 9:1–2)
During this unsettling time in Israel's history, against this backdrop of fear, judgment, and darkness, God promised a coming King. The darkness was real. The fear was real. The consequences of sin and unbelief were real. But God's promise was just as real.

God promised light to people walking in darkness (v. 2). Christian hope is not pretending things are fine; it is believing that God's light is greater than the darkness. Christ is the Savior who entered the darkness of this world. He reveals God's presence and promises, and He ultimately defeats sin and death. The New Testament tells us exactly who this Light is in Matthew 4:16.



The Christmas season reminds us that darkness never has the final word — not because our circumstances are always quickly resolved, but because Jesus has come and His victory is certain. Isaiah tells us that the Light will come through a King—and not just any king …

II. God Sends the Promised King (vv. 6–7)
God's answer to the darkness is not an army, a political revolution, or another alliance. His answer is a child — a Son given to us. The wording points to a child born into the world and a Son given by God. The four titles reveal the character of the promised Messiah:

Wonderful Counselor. Jesus reveals truth, exposes our sin, and directs His people through His Word. His wisdom is not simply information to consult; it is wisdom under which we are called to live.

Mighty God. The New Testament reveals Jesus as truly God and truly man, the eternal Son, distinct from the Father and yet sharing the divine nature. As Mighty God, Jesus is able to save. Our hope is not in our own strength, but in the Mighty God who saves.

Everlasting Father. Isaiah is not confusing the persons of the Trinity. Rather, he is describing the character of the Messiah's rule. The King will govern His people with the care, protection, and compassion of a father toward his children. Because His reign is everlasting, His people are never forgotten or left alone.

Prince of Peace. The Prince of Peace brings peace through His righteous reign. His peace begins with reconciliation to God and will ultimately encompass all of creation. On that first Christmas, the promised Light entered this dark world. He is more than a gift to admire; He is the King to trust and follow. Christmas announces that the King came not only to rule us, but to redeem us.

III. God Will Accomplish What He Has Promised (v. 7)

Isaiah describes a kingdom that will never end. The promised King will reign on David's throne, establishing and upholding His kingdom with justice and righteousness forever. God Himself is committed to accomplishing what He has promised. Our confidence is not grounded in our ability to make His Word come true, but in His own character.

He has proven His faithfulness by sending His Son, and He will complete what He has begun. The first coming of Jesus confirms that God keeps His promises. It also points us forward to the promise still ahead: Christ will return.



Christmas is not ultimately about nostalgia. It is about **confidence in the future**. If God kept His promise to send His Son — and He did — then we can trust Him to keep every promise He has made.

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So don't leave Jesus in the manger this Christmas. See Him for who He is: the eternal King, the Light who shines in the darkness, and the Savior who came to redeem sinners and who will one day return in glory.

The King was promised. The King has come. And the King is coming again. Therefore, because God keeps His promises, we can live with confident hope — even in dark and turbulent times.



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Digging Deeper in Your Daily Quiet Time

Which one of Jesus' titles found in Isaiah 9:6 — "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father" or "Prince of Peace"— is most meaningful to you personally at this point in your life? Take time this week to explore what God's Word has to say about that title.

Wonderful Counsellor
Isaiah 28:29; Zechariah 6:13; Luke 21:15; John 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:30 and Colossians 2:3.

Mighty God
Isaiah 45:24-25; Psalm 45:3 & 6; Psalm 50:1; Jeremiah 23:5-6; John 1:1- 2; Acts 20:28; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 1:8 and 1 John 5:20.

Everlasting Father
Isaiah 8:18; 53:10; Proverbs 8:23 and Hebrews 2:13-14.

Prince of Peace
Isaiah 11:6–9; 53:5; Psalm 72:3, 7; Psalm 85:10; Daniel 9:24-25; Micah 5:4-5; Luke 2:14; John 14:27; Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1–10; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 2:14–18; Colossians 1:20-21; Hebrews 7:2-3 and 13:20.

Notes