

## Immanuel: *The Gift of Peace*

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

### The Setting (Isa 8:21-22)

- Isaiah is telling the people of the coming Assyrian forces and the short-term effects they will bring against Israel & Judah
- God was about to humble His people

### A Light in the Darkness (v. 1-4)

- Israel's humbling will not be permanent (v. 1)
- Honor will come where the hammer first fell: Galilee
- A light will come into their darkness
  - Just like it did in Gideon's day (v. 4; Jdg 7)

### The Child of Peace (v. 5-7)

- God's people will burn up their war-gear because conflict will end (v. 5)
- This peace will not be brought about by another war-bent king, but rather by a child (v. 6a)
- He will rule as king (v. 6b)
- He will belong to the line of David (v. 7b)
- But He will not be just another human king
  - His reign will last forever (v. 7a-b)
- He will be known as:
  - Wonderful Counselor (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)
  - Mighty God (John 1:1)
  - Everlasting Father (John 10:30)
  - Prince of Peace (Luke 2:14)

### Fulfillment in Jesus

- John saw Jesus as that light in the darkness (John 1:4-5)
- Zechariah, John the Baptist's father, alludes to this Scripture at the end of his prophecy about Jesus (Luke 1:26-29)
- Matthew saw Jesus' ministry in Galilee as a fulfillment of this promise (Matt 4:13-16)
- Jesus is God's gift of peace
  - In His first coming, He gave us peace with God (Rom 5:1)
  - In His second coming, He will bring an end to all conflict (Isa 9:7)

### So What?

- Have we received God's gift of peace in Jesus?
- He is Immanuel, God with us

**Meditation Verse:** *Luke 2:14*