

Scripture

Isaiah 9:1-7 (NLT)

Hope in the Messiah

- 1 Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

- 2 The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep
darkness, a light will shine.
- 3 You will enlarge the nation of Israel,
and its people will rejoice.
They will rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest
and like warriors dividing the plunder.

4 For you will break the yoke of their slavery
and lift the heavy burden from their
shoulders.

You will break the oppressor's rod,
just as you did when you destroyed the
army of Midian.

5 The boots of the warrior
and the uniforms bloodstained by war
will all be burned.

They will be fuel for the fire.

6 For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His government and its peace will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!