

Isaiah 9:1-7 – Unto Us.

1. (1-2) A great light.

The **gloom** carries over from **Isaiah 8**, where Isaiah warned Judah about the coming invasion from Assyria. The invasion of the Assyrians would be terrible for the Jewish people, especially on the northern kingdom.

The northern tribes were the first to suffer from the Assyrian invasions, because they forsook the LORD (darkness) so in God's mercy, they will be the first to see the light of the Messiah as later on would be quoted in Matthew 4:13-16.

Upon the shadow of death, light shines...

Psalm 43:3 - *Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.*

John 8:12 - *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

2. (3-5) Increased Joy.

The joy that the Messiah would bring is compared to one farmer's experience during **harvest**, the time when the hard work has paid off and the bounty comes off.

As in the day of Midian: This refers to Gideon's great victory over Midian in **Judges 7**. As wonderfully complete, joyous, and victorious as Gideon's victory over Midian was, this is the same kind of victory the Messiah will enjoy and give.

Judges 8:28 - *Thus Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted their heads no more. And the country was quiet for forty years in the days of Gideon.*

Psalm 51:8 - *Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.*

3. (6-7) His reign.

Isaiah is using the Hebrew literary tool of *repetition* to emphasize the point.
The **Child is born**, the **Son is given**.

- ***The Government shall be upon His shoulder, He reigns.***
Psalm 47:8 - *God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.*

- ***Wonderful***
Isaiah 25:1 - *O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.*

- ***Counselor***
Psalm 33:11 - *The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.*

- ***Mighty God***
Job 33:4 - *The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

- ***Everlasting Father***
Psalm 93:2 - *Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.*

- ***Prince of Peace***
Hebrews 13:20-21 - *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you[fn] what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*