



# The HOPE of HIS ADVENT

**DECEMBER 20, 2020**

## **READ**

- Read Isaiah 8:11-9:7 a few times this week, asking the Holy Spirit to help you understand and respond to the message.

## **EXAMINE**

- Learn all you can about the state of Judah in Isaiah's day by reading Isaiah 8:11-22. What do you learn there about Judah? About Isaiah? About God?
- In Isaiah 9 the tone shifts dramatically as Isaiah prophecies about a future time for all of Israel. What will that time be like?
- Isaiah 9:3 describes the great joy of God's people. In verses 4-7 three statements beginning with "For" tell you where that great joy comes from. What are those "For" statements?
- How is the "child" described in verses 6-7? What markers are given to indicate his identity?
- What assurance is given in verse 7 that this King and Kingdom will come to be?

## **APPLY**

- How does this prophecy help us affirm the deity of Jesus Christ? Where would you go to link Isaiah 9 to New Testament revelation about Jesus?
- Compare Isaiah 9's description of King Jesus and His Kingdom to the current state of affairs in our own country. What similarities does our country have with the description in Isaiah 8:11-22? What good news from this text can we share with people bewildered by politics, divisive issues and leaders who fail us? How should we live as citizens of this country inspired by the hope of Isaiah 9?

## **PRAY**

Gracious Father, thank you for not giving up on sinners like us. Thank you for Jesus the Light, the Way out of darkness. We confess our need of Jesus and His perfect rule in our lives. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We look forward to Your one-day perfect rule on this earth, and we pray you will return soon, Lord Jesus! Holy Spirit, help us to walk worthy of our perfect King Jesus, today and all the days of our lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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# NOTES

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