

GA: As Isaiah the prophet scans the ages—covers approximately 3953 years.

SI: The NT informs us that this prophecy is partially fulfilled.

ORT: **H**ow must we understand prophecy, especially **JX**'s two comings? From the OT alone it could not be clearly seen there were two comings—even the prophets were bewildered. **1 Pt 1:10-11** *Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied about the grace that would come to you, searched & carefully investigated. They inquired into what time or what circumstances the **S** of **X** w/in them was indicating when he testified in advance to the sufferings of **X** & the glories that would follow.*

SUM: Holy LORD of Hosts—Mighty One of Israel—Branch of the LORD—Immanuel: ☉ With Us.

CXT: **9:1-7** (607) **7:10-17** Revelation is a gracious gift of ☉. ☉ offered a sign to Ahaz; Ahaz refused & was judged. ☉ gave a sign to all people of Immanuel – a blessing to those who believe, & judgment for those who do not. *What would ☉'s people do?* —turned to the occult & rejected ☉'s Word **8:19-22** *When they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums & the spiritists who chirp & mutter,” shouldn't a people inquire of their ☉? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? Go to **☉'s instruction & testimony!** If they do not speak according to this Word, there will be no dawn for them. They will wander through the land, dejected & hungry. When they are famished, they will become enraged, & looking upward, will curse their king & their ☉. They will look toward the earth & see only distress, darkness, & the gloom of affliction, & they will be driven into thick darkness.*

CIT: Amid man's depravity & darkness, ☉ will cause a light to shine.

CIS: ☉ is the light that will shine in your darkness.

PNP: 3 rays of light that ☉ desires to shine in your darkness.

1st—☉ wants you to see the grace that never let's go—☉ intervened!

9:1 Nevertheless, the gloom of the distressed land will not be like **at the first** that of the former times when He humbled the land of Zebulun & the land of Naphtali **Northernmost tribes – brunt of Assyria**. **But in the future** He will bring honor to the way of the sea, to the land east of the Jordan, & to Galilee of the nations.
2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness.

Mt 4:13-16 *He left Nazareth & went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun & Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: Land of Zebulun & land of Naphtali, along the road by the sea,*

beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who live in darkness have seen a great **light**, & for those living in the land of the shadow of death, a **light** has dawned; **Jn 8:12** I am the **light** of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the **light** of life.

Trans: Moffatt Burris (WWII paratrooper Capt. 82nd Airborne). 93 Europe to revisit the warzone from 50 yrs. ago. American cemetery (Anzio). Cemetery—took one’s breath away. Row on row of white crosses as far as the eye could see—markers w/names/dates. Directory: if you knew man’s name—locate. I knew the names of my men all right. I’d never forgotten them. I could recall exactly what they looked like, the sound of their voices, things they had said. I visited each grave in turn, put my hand on the cool stone, & read the name, birth date, & death date. Back when they were killed, the rest of us had no time to grieve, but fifty years later, as I stood beside each grave, I wondered why I had survived & they had not. Thinking about it, I was moved to tears. Note the tenacious memory—**vv1-2** YHWH grace that never let’s go. **Ro 11:1** I ask, then, has Θ rejected his people? Absolutely not!

2nd— Θ wants you to understand the praise that has to get out— Θ will intervene!

3 Celebration You have enlarged the nation **Abe** & increased its joy. The people have rejoiced before You as they rejoice at harvest time & as they rejoice when dividing spoils. **4 Liberation** For *ki* reason/explains **v3** You have shattered their oppressive yoke & the rod on their shoulders, the staff of their oppressor, just as You did on the day of Midian **Gideon’s defeat of Midian Judg 7. 5 Conciliation** For *ki* reason/explains **v4** every trampling boot of battle & the bloodied garments of war will be burned as fuel for the fire.

3rd— Θ wants you to trust the Child who makes the ultimate difference.

- Poetic parallelism & theological precision—The surprising conqueror: natural, yet supernatural.

6a For *ki* reason/explains everything a Child will be born for us, a Son will be given to us, & the government will be on His shoulders.

- Child is born (humanity)—Son (eternal Son not born – no beginning). All authority had been conferred on Messiah – **Mt 28:18** **J** came near & said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven & on earth.

6b He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Θ , Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

- Does not actually carry these names but is descriptive of who He is.
1) Wonderful **Counselor** – marvel of a counselor. Supernatural counselor.

Ps 139:6 This wondrous knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty; I am unable to reach it. **O**pposite of the bungling, worldly-wise Ahaz.

2) Mighty Θ – *gibbor*. Strength. Valiant in battle.

Ps 24:8 *Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong & mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.*

3) Eternal **Father** – eternal nature of the Son who is one w/the Father –
Does Θ have parents? Possessor or Originator – *What kind of Son is just as old as His Father & older than His mother?*

4) **Prince** of Peace – the nature of His rule.

Although **v6** not quoted in the NT **1)** **Col 2:3** *In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge;* **2)** identifies the Child w/the Θ head **Heb 1:3** *The Son is the radiance of Θ 's glory & the exact expression of His nature, sustaining all things by His powerful word;* **3)** places Him outside the created order **Jn 1:1** *In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was w/ Θ , & the Word was Θ ;* **Col 1:16-17** *For everything was created by Him, in heaven & on earth, the visible & the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him & for Him. He is before all things, & by Him all things hold together;* **4)** conquers ultimately w/the message of peace **Eph 2:17** *He came & proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away & peace to those who were near.*

Trans: Θ 's answer to everything that has ever terrorized us is a child. Power of Θ is so far superior to kings/kingdoms that He can defeat them w/a Child. *The great fact to remember is that the trend of civilization itself is forever upward.* **FDR.** *The Great Society.* **LBJ.**

7 The dominion will be vast, & its prosperity will never end **be final**. He will reign on the throne of David & over His kingdom, to establish & sustain it w/justice & righteousness from now on & forever. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will accomplish this.

CIS: Θ is the light that will shine in your darkness.

CEP: **A**re you looking for light out of darkness, freedom from bondage, a righteous kingdom that has no end?

G: **W**ould you ever think to look to a Child? **Gal 4:4-5** *But when the set time had fully come, Θ sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.* **Jn 12:46** *I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me would not remain in darkness.*