

A The Light of Galilee. Isaiah 9:1-5.

- ❖ In response to Ahaz's request for aid, Tiglath-pileser III attacked Israel and took the regions of Naphtali, Zebulun, and Transjordan. Later, Salmanazar V conquered the rest of Israel's territories and deported the remaining population.
- ❖ This land was the first to be conquered and filled with the darkness of paganism (Isaiah 8:22). It would also be the first to see the light that the Messiah was bringing.
- ❖ Jesus spent most of His time during His public ministry in this region by the Sea of Galilee (see Matthew 4:12-17).

B The Child made Gift. Isaiah 9:6-7.

- ❖ This foretold Child could only be the Messiah, Jesus:
 - Wonderful Counselor: A wise adviser that leads properly. It's the same name that the Angel of the Lord (Jesus Himself) used when visiting the parents of Samson (Judges 13:18)
 - Mighty God: He is God Incarnate, the powerful and brave hero (John, 1:1; 1 John 5:20)
 - Everlasting Father: Jesus is eternal, and He's the Father of all humankind, because He created humans and their world (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; 2 Peter 3:18)
 - Prince of Peace: Jesus is the righteous King that came to Earth to bring peace (Revelation 17:14; John 14:27; John 16:33)

C The Rod of punishment. Isaiah 9:8-10:34.

- ❖ God had to punish His people with a rod because of their wickedness (Isaiah 9:4). This means that He let them suffer difficulties so they would repent of their sins and come back to Him.
- ❖ If the people had repented, the difficulties would have stopped (see Leviticus 26:14-39).
- ❖ God, in His wisdom, allows the consequences of our disobedience when they can make us reflect and come back to Him.

D The Stem of Jesse. Isaiah 11.

- ❖ The "stem of Jesse" represents the idea that the Messiah would be a descendant of David (son of Jesse). This is why Jesus called Himself "the Root and the Offspring of David" (Revelation 22:16).
- ❖ One of the main goals of Jesus was to put an end to sin, apostasy, and rebellion, as well as establishing an everlasting peace. This began with His ministry, death, resurrection, and enthronement. However, it has not finished yet.
- ❖ We're still waiting for the prophecy in Isaiah 11:7-8 to be fulfilled.

E The Savior. Isaiah 12.

- ❖ Isaiah 12 is a song that Isaiah sang to praise his [and our] Savior. He encouraged us to "make known among the nations what he has done" (v. 4 NIV), recalling the song of victory that Moses sang after crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 15).
- ❖ There is a song of victory in Revelation 15 too. In that case, the 144,000 sing a remarkably similar song.
- ❖ Jesus is the only source of salvation. He will be our song very soon, when we'll sing together "the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb." (Revelation 15:3)