

The Promised King and His Kingdom

Isaiah 9:6–7 | Participant worksheet | 30–45 minutes

Name _____ Date _____

Isaiah describes light replacing darkness and relief from oppression. At the center of this hope stands a promised child whose rule brings justice, righteousness, and lasting peace.

Read and explore

Read Isaiah 9:1–7. Then focus on Isaiah 9:6–7.

“For a child is born to us. A son is given to us; and the government will be on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, on David’s throne, and on his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from that time on, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of Armies will perform this.”

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Word help: David’s throne refers to David’s royal rule and dynasty. Righteousness concerns what is right before God; justice includes right judgment and fair treatment.

1. What changes for the people described in verses 1–5? Identify images of light, joy, and freedom.

2. What responsibilities are given to the child in verse 6? List the four titles used for him.

3. According to verse 7, whose throne does he occupy, and what qualities characterize his rule?

4. How long will his rule and peace last? Who will accomplish this promise?

Connect and reflect

Read each New Testament passage in your Bible before answering. Notice whether it explicitly quotes the prophecy or develops a related theme.

5. Read Luke 1:30–33. Which promises about Jesus closely resemble Isaiah 9:6–7?

6. Read Matthew 4:12–17. Which part of Isaiah 9 does Matthew quote, and how does it relate to Jesus' ministry?

7. Read John 14:27. What does Jesus say about the peace he gives his disciples?

Study note: Luke connects Jesus with David's throne and an endless kingdom. Matthew directly quotes Isaiah 9:1–2; he does not directly quote verses 6–7 in the assigned reading.

8. How do the promised child's humanity, titles, and lasting rule contribute to the Christian understanding of Jesus?

9. Which quality of this king most encourages you? How could his justice or peace shape one action this week?

10. My main takeaway and an optional prayer

Explore further: Isaiah 11:1–5; Ephesians 2:13–18. What additional dimensions of righteous rule and peace do you find?

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