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The Arrival

The Arrival of the Prophecies of the Messiah

Isaiah 9:1–7 (HCSB)

Nevertheless, the gloom of the distressed land will not be like that of the former times when He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali. But in the future He will bring honor to the Way of the Sea, to the land east of the Jordan, and 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. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased its joy. The people have rejoiced before You as they rejoice at harvest time and as they rejoice when dividing spoils. ⁴ For You have shattered their oppressive yoke and the rod on their shoulders, the staff of their oppressor, just as You did on the day of Midian. ⁵ For the trampling boot of battle and the bloodied garments of war will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ The dominion will be vast, and its prosperity will never end. He will reign on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish and sustain it with justice and righteousness from now on and forever. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will accomplish this.

1. THE PROMISE OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE MESSIAH WOULD BRING _____ INTO A DARK WORLD vv 1-2

- The Messiah was _____ to bring light to a dark world.

Zechariah’s Prophecy
Luke 1:78–79 (HCSB)

Because of our God’s merciful compassion, the Dawn from on high will visit us ⁷⁹ to shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

- Jesus fulfilled the prophecy with His arrival into this world.

2 Corinthians 4:6 (HCSB)

For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God’s glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:12–14 (NLT)

... always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

2. THE PROPHECY ARRIVED TO TELL OF THE COMING _____ v 3

- The arrival of Jesus brought great joy for those looking for the Messiah.

Luke 2:10–11 (HCSB)

But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: ¹¹ Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.

- The greatest gift of joy we can give someone is to _____ them to Jesus.

3. THE PROPHECY TELLS OF THE MESSIAH’S _____ OVER THE OPPRESSORS vv 4-5

- Christ came to bring _____ from all oppression.

Galatians 5:1 (HCSB)

Christ has liberated us to be free. Stand firm then and don’t submit again to a yoke of slavery.

- The arrival of Jesus means we can be set free from sin.

4. THE ARRIVAL OF THE PROPHECY _____ THE COMING BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH vv 6-7

He will be known as:

Wonderful _____
Mighty God
Eternal _____
Prince of Peace

The Next Step: Understanding the significance of the prophecy of the Messiah, share the powerful story of how Christ makes a difference today.