

“The Child and The Courtroom”

Isaiah 9 -10:4

The Child V. 1-7

“Zebulun and Naphtali” V.1 – Zebulun and Naphtali were the lush agricultural centers of Judah the main economic and supply center of the nation. This was next to and through the Valley of Jezreel meaning “God will scatter” or valley of judgment (Achan, Jehu, Megiddo). **2 Kings 9:30-37** “The way of the sea” was also the main trade route to the Mediterranean Sea.

Deep darkness V.2 – Light and darkness would remind them of the Pillar of Fire by night and Pillar of Cloud by day. This is also a prophecy about God being accepted in the Gentile nations rather than Israel. **2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

“Day of Midian” V.3-5 – God breaks all human oppression and preserves His people. **Judges 7:19-23**

The Child V.6-7 – First clear and specific messianic prophecy in Isaiah. A child and son are images of humbleness and peace (Christ’s first coming). Ruler, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace are strong forceful names of Christ which are fulfilled in His Second Coming. **Psalms 2**

The Courtroom V. 9:8-10:4

Isaiah now switches from the positive hope of messiah to the impending judgment of Israel. The language is courtroom type language with the accusations being listed and evidence being presented.

“hand is stretched out” V.12, 17, 21, 4 – A king’s hand held out to the executioner to give the signal for judgment.

Four accusations are sent from the Lord.

Arrogance V.8-12 – Israel arrogantly thinks that their plans, idolatry, and alliances will save them. They will be crushed by their enemies and allies because of their arrogance rather than Godly humility. **Proverbs 8:13-21**

Leader Worship V.13-17 – They praised and worshiped the King and trusted him to save them rather than God. **Romans 1:18-24**

Wickedness V.18-21 – In their greed and sense of survival they become desperate and will end up devouring themselves in self-destruction. **Galatians 5:13-21**

Social Injustice V. 10:1-4 – Everyone was out for themselves, “what is in it for me?”

Greed, self-service, ambition, power was the rule of the day no matter who was stepped on along the way. **Proverbs 22:8**

Application

Discussion Questions

Where in your life or around you have you seen God's repeated judgment?

How has God reveal hope in the midst of difficulties times?

What accusations need to be addressed in our own time?

Homework

Read *Isaiah 10:4-34*

Answer the following questions:

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

Identify and thank God for the daily hope that He reveals in your life.