

Isaiah 9:1-7 Snapshots of the Messiah

•Every cloud has a silver lining• How is this statement true or false?
In what circumstances is it difficult to see a •silver lining•?

Background to Isaiah:

There are lots of prophecies or Snapshots of Jesus in the OT that give us a glimpse of what the Messiah is going to be like. Isaiah was a prophet in the Southern Kingdom of Judah when Ahaz was King in 734 BC, and they were experiencing dark days at the time and the future wasn't looking good.

Read Isaiah 8:1-10

1. Who was threatening to invade the Israelites?

The Light in the OT

The Reason for the Darkness was basically their sin. They'd turned away from God so his blessing was removed and as result their whole security was being threatened by foreign invasion. But the darkness would turn to light

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

2. Isaiah sees a great light in the future - what things will God's people experience as a result of this "Great light"? V3-5
3. What is significant about Midian's defeat (v4) and what does it say about this New Day of great light for God's people?
Read Judges 7:1-25
4. V6-7 tell us the Reason for this New Day • what is it?
5. What do the names given to this "Son" say about him?
6. What will characterize this new leaders rule?

7. Israel was in dark days! Was Isaiah just being an unrealistic visionary? What gives him certainty that it will happen?

The Light in the NT

Read John 1:1-9

8. What does John say is the reason for Jesus coming?

Read John 8:12

9. How is this a fulfillment of Isaiah 9 • (regarding who Jesus is and what he will do for those who trust him)?

10. An Example of Darkness to Light

Read John 9:1-12

Why was this man in darkness- According to Jesus Disciples?

- According to Jesus?

What does this say about how God uses dark times in our lives?

What did the man have to do to go from blindness to seeing or darkness to light?

How are we set free by The Light of the World?

Pray for those you know who are going through hard times that "the work of God would be displayed in their life" through it all.

Pray for those you know who are still in darkness and need the light of Jesus in their lives?