

CHAPTER 19

*Isaiah speaks messianically—The people in darkness will see a great light—Unto us a child is born—He will be the Prince of Peace and will reign on David's throne—Compare Isaiah 9.
About 559–545 B.C.*

1 ^a Nevertheless, the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at first he lightly afflicted the ^b land of ^c Zebulun, and the land of ^d Naphtali, and afterwards did more grievously afflict by the way of the Red Sea beyond Jordan in Galilee of the nations.

2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and ^a increased the joy—they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4 For thou hast broken the yoke of ^a his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his ^b oppressor.

5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but ^a this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6 For unto us a ^a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the ^b government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counselor, The ^c Mighty God, The ^d Everlasting Father, The Prince of ^e Peace.

7 Of the increase of ^a government and peace ^b there is no end, upon the throne of ^c David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

8 The Lord sent his word unto Jacob and it hath lighted upon Israel.

9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart:

10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn ^a stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into ^b cedars.

11 Therefore the Lord shall set up the adversaries of ^a Rezin against him, and join his enemies together;

12 The Syrians before and the Philistines behind; and they shall ^a devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his ^b anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 For the people turneth not unto ^a him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the Lord of Hosts.

14 Therefore will the Lord cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush ^a in one day.

15 The ^a ancient, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.

16 For the ^a leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are ^b led of them are destroyed.

17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have ^a mercy on their fatherless and ^b widows; for ^c every one of them is a hypocrite and an ^d evildoer, and every mouth speaketh ^e folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his ^f hand is stretched out still.

18 For ^a wickedness burneth as the fire; it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forests, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

19 Through the wrath of the Lord of Hosts is the ^aland darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; ^bno man shall spare his brother.

20 And he ^ashall snatch on the right hand and be hungry; and he shall ^beat on the left hand and they shall not be satisfied; they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm

21 Manasseh, ^aEphraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; they together shall be against ^bJudah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.