

The Kingdom of Christmas

Isaiah 9:6-7: A Polemic*

1. The prophecy of the coming Messiah was a prophecy of a King and a Kingdom.
 - a. Matt. 2:1-2 Where is He that is born _____
 - b. Matthew 4:8 Satan offered Jesus all the _____ of the world.
 - c. Revelation 11:15 The _____ of the world become the _____ of God and Christ
2. We must look at Jesus not only in terms of forgiveness of sin and salvation. Isaiah presents Messiah in other ways also. (Read Isaiah 61)
3. IS JESUS YOUR KING OR JUST YOUR SAVIOR?

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1. A Child born and a Son given.
 - a. Encompasses the humanity of Christ.
 - b. Manger and Cross: Poinsettias and Easter Lilies!
 - c. Given: carries the idea of recompense or payment
2. The government on his shoulder: Isaiah 9:6b
 - a. Government vs Kingdom administration vs outworking
 - b. Increase of His Government - perpetual and eternal
3. Peace: the result of His government!
 - a. The manifestation of the government of God in your life is peace. Philippians 4:6-7
 - b. Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace
 - c. DO YOU HAVE PEACE IN YOUR LIFE.
4. The Throne of David:
 - a. Christ in direct line to fulfill and receive the covenants made with Both Abraham and David. Matthew 1:1
 - b. Four-fold sonship of Christ: Lion (Matthew), Ox (Mark), Man (Luke), Eagle (John)
 - c. Order (set up Daniel 2:44) and Establish (cause to prosper the Davidic covenant promise - 1 Chronicles 17:11-14)
 - d. Judgment and justice: People love to promote justice, but judgment – not so much. The good news of salvation must also carry the bad news of judgment.
5. Zeal of the Lord of Hosts: Passion, jealousy, anger
6. Christ's Titles: in conjunction with his governmental authority Isaiah 9:6

- a. Titular names were often used to describe the power of function of rulers**. (Emmanuel Matt. 1:21-23)
- b. 4 dual names were Polemic, Reflecting and refuting Egyptian coronation practices.**
 - i. Wonderful counselor: Wisdom Roman's 11:33
 - ii. Mighty God- warrior, powerful
 - iii. Everlasting Father: His unchangeable nature Hebrews 13:8
 - iv. Prince of Peace (Lord of Shalom)

* Polemic: a piece of writing or a speech in which a person strongly attacks or defends a particular opinion, person, idea, or set of beliefs:

**Egypt Coronation Practices

- From the First Dynasty to the Roman Period (about 3000BC-AD300), the king of Egypt is called Horus (god of order and celestial power), and has a separate 'Horus name', identifying him as a unique manifestation of that god
- From the Fourth Dynasty to the Roman Period (about 2600BC-AD300), the king of Egypt is called 'son of Ra'
- The king of Egypt had a special set of names and titles - by the Middle Kingdom there were five:
 - Horus name -
 - The name of the Two Goddesses' (vulture and cobra)
 - Horus-Gold name (Associated with the hieroglyph for gold)
 - Dual King-taken at accession to the throne (throne name) See Note below.
 - Son of Ra title with birth name

Note:

1. Interesting parallel to the Roman Catholic tradition of Popes choosing a different name upon accepting the Papacy.
 - The Catholic Madonna and Child is a direct copy of the Egyptian Goddess Isis who was the Wife of Osiris and the mother of Horus. She had many titles given her, but the five were: The Divine One, The Queen of all Gods, Queen of Heaven, The Maker of Sunrise, Mother of God