

What subject is Isaiah dealing with?

1. In ch. 7-12 he mixes contemporary concerns such as foreign invasion (see 7.1f, 8.7f), with visions of help that God would bring in the future.
2. Concerning that future help, Isaiah foresees:
 - a. A virgin becoming pregnant with a boy, 7.14
 - b. That son's vocation to be a ruler, 9.6ff
 - c. His giftedness coming from the Holy Spirit, 11.1-5Notice the progress there: his conception, his vocation, his genius

What is the message of 9. 2 – 7?

Although these are dark days (8.7f), much better ones are coming.

1. They will bring great joy, v. 3
2. They will bring a freedom, v.4, as war is made increasingly obsolete, v.5
3. This will be brought about by the son (Jesus Christ) who has been promised.
 - a. He has a calling to reign, 6a
 - b. He will be:
 - i. A marvellous adviser-guide
 - ii. God almighty
 - iii. A father to his people for ever
 - iv. A prince of peace
 - c. The progress of his reign and of peace will go on for ever

How does God want us to respond now?

- To submit to his kingship
- To ask his advice
- To be peace-makers like him
- To have complete confidence in his deity and his kingdom
- To rejoice at him!