

Context – Prophecy with tri-focals – present, Christ & End of time

Past tense - problem (2-5) – (torch)

1] Time - 700 BC

2] Context the impending invasion of Syria

3] meaning

a) Immediate? – There is hope in God beyond the invasion

Health, business, personal relations etc

b) Wider – the light would shine in the land of darkness and death

Nb the ultimate enemy, death, would be defeated.

WHO?

Present tense – answer (6a) – (baby)

1] Time? 0 BC / AD

NB 700 year

*cf Bannockburn 1314 , black death 1346 ¼ world population died , peasants revolt (1381)
ie 30 generations have come and gone – waiting for?????????*

2] A child

Nb the weakest human

3] Government on his shoulders

Nb He will fix it

It's a joke?!

Cf Jesus king of the Jews (Matt 27:29, 30)

HOW?

Future tense– result (6b, 7) – (crown)

1] Called - 'Wonderful counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of peace'

NB = GOD!!!!

2] Reign

a) Source - David's throne

b) Character - Justice and righteousness

c) Duration - Forever

3] How? – The zeal of the Lord (cf 37:32; 2 Kings 19:31)

WHEN?

Conclusion

Faith hope and love these three remain (1 Cor 13:13)

Hope – substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1)