

MAJESTY IN A MANGER
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Isaiah 9:1-7; Luke 2:1-35

“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” Isaiah 9:7

I. Christ’s Majesty Foretold by the Prophet

- A. His exclusive authority: “the government shall be upon His shoulder” (Isaiah 9:6)
Isaiah 22:21, 22 “the key of the house of David shall I lay upon his shoulder”
- B. His ability to rule: “his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)
- C. The perfection of His government
 - 1) Its development: “Of the **increase of his government . . .** there shall be no

end”

Daniel 2:34 – stone cut without hands fills the earth
Matthew 13:31 – mustard seed becomes a tree filling the earth
Christ alone at Calvary, w/ sympathetic women, Nicodemus & Joseph of

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Resurrection & apostolic gathering that day
Pentecost 3000 added to the church
Apostles go forth unto the uttermost parts of the earth
321 the “church” overtakes the empire
Every preacher going forth – the kingdom expands
Every soul saved – the kingdom expands

- 2) Its success: “Of the increase of his government **and peace there shall be no end”**
- 3) Its order: “to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with **justice”**

Matt. 11 “come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden”
Rich man was damned, Lazarus glorified, carried by angels
Priest & Levite passed by on the other side, Samaritan helped
John 2 – He knows what is in man

justice”

- 4) Its righteousness: “to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with

- 5) Its equity: “to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice”
- 6) Its duration: “from henceforth even forever”

- D. The foundation of His government: “Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom”
- E. The certainty of His government: “The zeal of the Lord of Hosts shall perform it”

II. Christ's Majesty Displayed at His Birth

- A. He was born in the City of David:
 - Seedbed of Kings
 - This location was foretold by Micah (5:2)
 - The location anticipated by Israel's religious rulers (Matthew 2:4, 5)
- B. He was born of the Seed of David (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38)
- C. His birth was heralded by Angels (Luke 2:9-15)
 - “And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, and let all the angels of God worship him” (Hebrews 1:6).
- D. He was visited by the Magi: King Makers (Matthew 2:1-13)
- E. Astronomical Phenomenon were subjected to His service (Matthew 2; Psalm 19:1-6)
- F. Unwittingly, pagan rulers fulfilled Old Testament prophecies regarding Christ's birth, by which His identity as Messiah, the Son of God, was confirmed:
 - 1) Caesar's census decree for the purpose of taxation resulted in Jesus birth in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-5; Matthew 2:4-6; Micah 5:2).
 - 2) Herod's decree to kill the babies fulfilled Jeremiah 31:15, and resulted in the fulfillment of Hosea 11:1, “out of Egypt have I called my son” (Matthew 2:15).
 - 3) Herod and Caesar became mere pawns to fulfill prophecies regarding Christ.
 - 4) They became nothing more than means to identify the time of Christ's birth and ministry (Luke 2:1-2; 3:1-2).
 - “But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons” (Galatians 4:4-5).