

## King and Kingdom > Isaiah 9:1-7

**9:1-3** *Joy for God's people.* In contrast to the judgment that chapter 8 concluded with, the picture given here speaks of the future for God's people: all who trust in him shall have a joy that never ends.

**9:4-5** *Peace for God's people.* Not only joy, but the reason for it: God's people will have peace. Peace not only from war and violence, but peace also with our God. No longer will there be rebellion against his rule. Sin would not be a battle forever. And how would this be brought about?

**9:6-7** *Hope for God's people.* Joy and peace come on account of Jesus. It's hope in God's promises, belief in the coming (and now, arrived and someday returning) Messiah which will usher in this kind of joy, his kingdom characterized by this kind of peace. God's people have every reason for hope because we are loved by him, and Jesus is the proof of that.

**Background:** These were fearsome times for God's people, but the result of faith would be lasting hope.

**The Point:** Our hope is rooted in Jesus – what he has done and what he will return to complete.

**Head:** How can looking toward Jesus give you joy?

**Heart:** Ask the Lord to let Christ's peace rule in your heart.

**Hands:** How will you speak and live in light of Christ's love this Christmas? How can you show the hope of our Savior to somebody else?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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