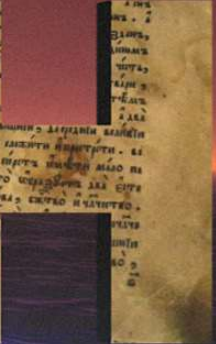


# ISAIAH



# ***THE COMING SON***

## ***ISAIAH 9***

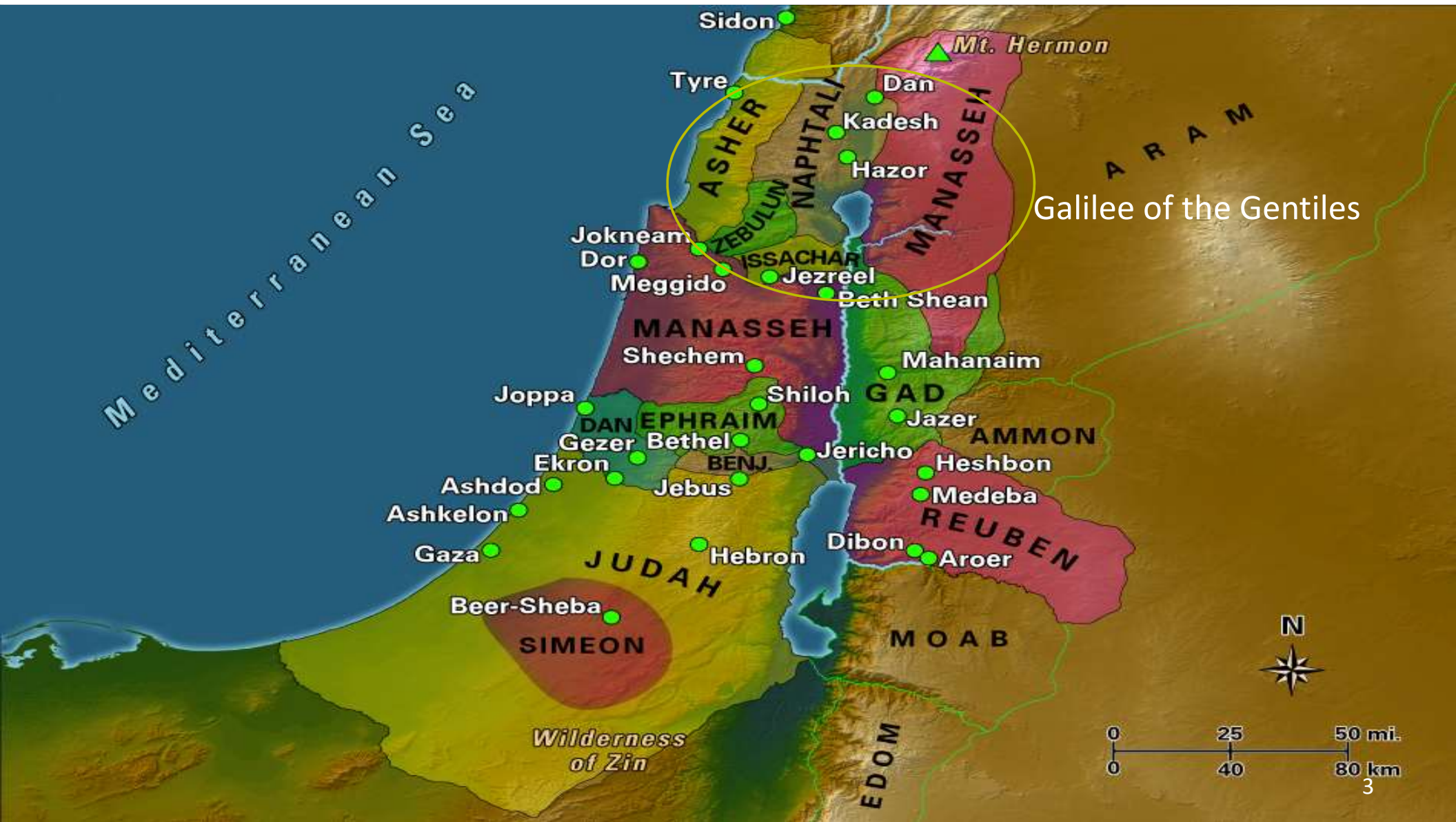
**In this beautiful chapter, we are introduced to the Child with many names.**

- The Jewish people are still looking for Messiah. To we who believe, we have met already Him—He is our Savior Jesus.

***The days of Isaiah were filled with political and spiritual confusion, fear and madness. Where do we turn in our times of trouble?***

- Is there someone to whom we can turn in our crazy, mixed-up, confused, insecure, restless world and find peace?
- Northern Galilee, which cut across Naphtali and Zebulun, especially felt the extreme devastation of the Assyrians.
- On this background of dark judgment and unbelief is painted a beautiful picture of salvation and life for a sinful people—both then and now!





## ***WHAT DOES THE LORD OFFER IN TIMES LIKE THESE?***

- 1.** There is light instead of darkness. **v. 1-2**
- 2.** For those who trust in the Lord there is joy instead of gloom. **v. 3**
- 3.** There is freedom instead of oppression. **v. 4**
- 4.** There is peace instead of war. **v. 5**
- 5.** A Savior for these sin-ravaged people. **v. 6-7**
- 6.** This is the same child foretold in **Isaiah 7:14**.
- 7.** The answer is the Child known as *Immanuel*—God with His people.
- 8.** Moreover, this child will occupy a position of ruling dignity. **v. 6-7**



## ***EXACTLY WHAT KIND OF CHILD IS THIS PROMISED ONE?***

- 1. Wonderful Counselor:** Literally, He is a *“wonder of a counselor.”*
- 2. Mighty God:** He is full omnipotence; El—the strong One. Literally, He is the *“God–hero,” El gibbor.*
- 3. Eternal Father:** He is everlastingly a Father. Literally, the Father/Originator of all eternity.
- 4. Prince of Peace:** He rules over His people with peace. Literally, He is the sovereign ruler of a kingdom that is peace.

***Only Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Child with  
these four very specific names.***

## **AND HERE IS WHY YOU NEED HIM! v. 8-21**

God first says in **verses 1-7** the answer is the Messiah. Now, He says here is what is going to happen. So when it does, turn to the God Man—*Immanuel*, the Child with Many Names.

- Now God is going to bring His judgment upon Israel, so He comes back to the immediate situation in Israel—and the situation that all people will eventually face. Life is often not a bed of roses!
- Notice the condition that God is addressing in this difficult time. The people's hearts are hardened against God; they are being rebellious to His voice in their culture.
- They were following godless leaders down the road of cults and carnal.
- Many of their prophets were actually false prophets!

## ***GOD'S NOT PLAYING GAMES***

A key statement here at the end of this passage is this, “*For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.*” **Isa. 9:12, 17, 21; 10:4**. Why did God judge them—and what can we learn to avoid God’s judgement?

- God judged them ***for their pride*** in thinking that their present difficulties were temporary and the nation could rebuild itself better than before—even without God. **v. 8-12**
- He also judged them ***for their hardness of heart*** in their refusal to repent and return to the Lord. **v. 13-17**.
- God’s loving purpose in chastening is that we yield to Him. But if we harden our hearts, then chastening becomes judgment. **Heb. 12:1-11**

***May we never turn away from the Savior—the Child with Many Names, our Immanuel—the Son who was Given!***