

# **Sunday School Lesson**

**December 19, 2021**

**JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS REIGN**

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**Isaiah 9:2-7**

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# Questions for Us Today

What is your definition of justice?

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What is your definition of righteousness?

Haven't you sometimes decided to just do things your way instead of relying on God's direction?

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1. Isaiah: Points of Information
2. Justice and Righteousness Reign:  
Context
3. Justice and Righteousness Reign:  
Text

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## **Points of Information – Isaiah**

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- **Isaiah (the son of Amoz, not the prophet Amos) was a great and major prophet, whose ministry spanned around 60 years and five kings.**
- **He is cited at least 50 times in the New Testament, including by Christ Jesus.**

## **Points of Information – Isaiah**

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**- When Jesus was handed the Scriptures, during a return to the temple in Nazareth, He was given the Book of Isaiah. Our Savior opened it, read from Isaiah 61:1-2 and proclaimed that He – the Christ – was the fulfillment of that Scripture. This episode is told in Luke 4:16-21.**

# **Points of Information – Isaiah**

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**- Contemporaries of Isaiah included Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh and the prophet Micah.**

# **Points of Information – Isaiah**

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**- Isaiah was married to a prophetess and they had two sons. Isaiah 7:3; 8:3.**

## Points of Information – Isaiah

- Many sermons have referred to the Call which begins in Isaiah 6:1: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon the Throne."

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- The Lord issued the call: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

- Isaiah responded: "Here am I. Send me!"

This has been called the "Temple Vision of Isaiah."  
Isaiah 6:1-8. NRSV



# Points of Information – Isaiah

- The Book of Isaiah is sometimes called the "Bible in Miniature." This is (partially) because this Book has 66 Chapters and Our Bible has 66 Books.

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- Our Bible has 39 Books in the Old Testament and 27 Books in the New Testament.

- Isaiah has 39 Chapters regarding the law, government and judgement of God and 27 Chapters about the grace and salvation of the Lord.

# Points of Information – Isaiah

- Numerous sections of Isaiah foretell the Coming of the Messiah.

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- See Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 40:1-5; 42:1-2, 6, 13; 43:1-11; 53:3-12.

- As a result, Isaiah has been called the "Christ-Harbinger," the "Messianic Prophet" or the "Fifth Evangelist."

# Justice and Righteousness Reign – Context

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As the prophet Isaiah continues to chastise the Israelites for their wrongdoings and unfaithfulness to the Lord, he gives them a clear and firm reason for hope: the Coming of the Savior! The Messiah! Hallelujah!

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# **Justice and Righteousness Reign**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

## Isaiah 9:2 (NRSV)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

## Isaiah 9:3

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy; they  
rejoice before you as with joy at  
the harvest, as people exult when  
dividing plunder.

## Isaiah 9:4

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their  
shoulders, the rod of their  
oppressor, you have broken as  
on the day of Midian.

## Isaiah 9:5

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.



## Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

## Isaiah 9:7 (NRSV)

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**A Song for Us today:**

**Jesus the Light of the World**

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