

## Sunday, November 5, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

**Title:** Now and Then

**Series:** Learning About the End Times ... 3

**Text:** Isaiah 9:6 - 7; Micah 5:2; Psalm 2

Purpose: I want to PERSUADE my congregation that several of the prophecies regarding the Messiah, Christ Jesus our Lord, contain in the same portion prophecies that are NOW fulfilled and also have prophecies that will be fulfilled THEN.

### Introduction:

Our devotional last week we considered three unconditional, eternal covenants that God has established; one with Abraham, one with David and one with all those who call upon and rely upon the Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and new birth! The title was, ‘God’s Covenants and End Times’:

- 1) God’s Covenant with Abraham,
- 2) God’s Covenant with David,
- 3) God’s Covenant Through Christ Jesus to Believers  
~ The main point of the devotional last week was not informing Believers of the elements of the unconditional, eternal covenants given by God; the main point was, and is, that God KEEPS His promises!  
~ 2 Corinthians 1:20, “For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”

### 1. Consider Isaiah 9:6 – 7:

~ Isaiah 9:6 – 7: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of host will do this.”

~ Let us consider what elements are NOW and which are THEN:

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### 2. Consider Micah 5:2:

~ vs. 2, “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient of days.”

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### 3. Consider Psalm 2:

~ vs. 2, this was the case at the time of Christ Jesus and continues to be the case now and will be THEN!  
~ vs. 5 and 6, this will take full stage THEN!  
~ vs. 7, this is NOW and THEN – for all eternity!  
~ vs. 8 – 9, “Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. (9) You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

This is not visible NOW but it will be THEN!

~ vs. 11 – 12, “Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. (12) Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.”

This is to be my response NOW for THEN  
He will come in wrath.

### 4. Consider in Your Devotions Prophets Who Prophesied Both Advents:

- ~ Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6 Christ’s birth and in Isaiah 53 His death but in Isaiah 9:7 His eternal REIGN! NOW and THEN!
- ~ Daniel 9:24 – 27 prophesies both.
- ~ Zechariah 12:10 – 14 prophesies both.
- ~ Psalm 22 prophesies both.

### Conclusion:

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