"The Eternal King" Isaiah 9:1-7

- I. The Eternal King will bring radical change
 - A. Into distress he brings hope
 - B. Into darkness he brings light

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

C. Into death he brings life

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies." (John 11:25)

D. Into despair he brings joy

"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them." (John 17:13)

E. Into bondage he brings <u>freedom</u>

"He sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners." (Luke 4:18)

F. Into conflict he brings peace

"For he himself is our peace." (Ephesians 2:4)

- II. The Eternal King will come to rule
 - A. He rules as the Divine Counselor
 - B. He rules as the all-powerful God
 - C. He rules as the Eternal God
 - D. He rules as the Prince of Peace
- III. The Eternal King rules an eternal kingdom
 - A. The Kingdom of God is continually growing

"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth." (Colossians 1:6)

B. The Kingdom of God is ruled by Jesus Christ

"On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Revelation 19:16)

- C. The Kingdom of God is <u>righteous</u>
- D. The Kingdom of God is eternal

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

E. The Kingdom of God is powerfully secure

"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever." (Daniel 2:44)

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)