

"And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:2b (NIV)

Christmas is not a season, it is an invasion!

God established a beach head at Bethlehem
and the healing began.

"(v.2) The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep shadows—light!
sunburst of light!

(v.3) You repopulated the nation, you expanded its joy.

Oh, they're so glad in your presence! Festival joy!

The joy of a great celebration, sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.

(v.4) The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants—
all their whips and cudgels and curses—

Is gone, done away with, a deliverance
as surprising and sudden as Gideon's old victory over Midian.

(v.5) The boots of all those invading troops,
along with their shirts soaked with innocent blood,
Will be piled in a heap and burned,
a fire that will burn for days!

(v.6) **For** a child has been born—**for** us!

The gift of a son—**for** us!

He'll take over

the running of the world.

His names will be: Amazing Counselor, Strong God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness.

(v.7) His ruling authority will grow,

and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.

He'll rule from the historic David throne over that promised kingdom.

He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing
and keep it going

With fair dealing and right living,
beginning now and lasting always.

The zeal of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies
will do all this."

Isaiah 9:2-7—The Message

There is no limit to God.

There is no end to God's generosity, love, understanding, or wisdom.

"I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me."

Isaiah 46:9

Invasion = entering with force to do one or more things. . . to destroy,
to conquer,
to break the power of evil,
to bring healing to Israel,
to bring a Savior.

Each of the titles used by Isaiah tell us something about the child.

- ❖ Wonderful or **amazing** counselor
Wonderful counselor refers to him who is all-wise
in his plans and purposes.
- ❖ Mighty or **strong** God refers to the Lord as a great warrior who cannot
be defeated.
- ❖ Everlasting or **eternal** Father refers to God's fatherly relation to and
care for his people.
- ❖ Prince of Peace or **wholeness** refers to more than God's purpose to maintain a world
without war.

The Hebrew word for peace is much richer in that it includes
within it also the concept of a harmonious and wholesome existence.

How does the New Testament interpret what Isaiah 9:2-7 means?

*"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "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

What does it mean to walk in the light today?

*"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there
is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie
and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."*

I John 1:5-7

This is yours when Christ lives within you!

*"Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can
completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel."*—Philippians 4:7

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