

Birth Announcement Isaiah 9 and Luke 2

**Unto us a child is born:**

- Greatest birth announcement?
- See this phrase throughout the Christmas season
- What does it mean? Do we grasp it's meaning?

**What was born:** A "**Wonderful**" son? (Humanity/Deity)

Mt 1:23 "Wonderful birth"

*Jn 1:14 "Word was made flesh"*

*Lk 2: 11 "For unto you is born this day"*

**Born to whom?**

*Jhn 1: 11 "as many as received Him"*

*Jhn 3:16 "Given"*

*II Cor 9:15 "Unspeakable gift."*

*Eph 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith" "gift of God:"*

**Wonderful Name**

*Lk 1:30 "shalt call his name **JESUS**"*

*Mt 1:20 "shall call his name Emmanuel,"*

*Acts 4:12 "None other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

**When: On a Wonderful day**

*II Cor 6:2 "now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."*

**Wonderful Counsellor: Isaiah 9:6-7**

- Birth announcements in paper, this one is very different.

- In world lacking wise counsel and leaders God promises a Wonderful Counsellor

-What is a Counsellor? What kind is Isaiah referring to?

- In U.S. Government there are 15 Executive Departments

- Joseph in Book of Genesis is one of the first "Counsellors" meet by name.

**Agriculture:** Provide food to low-income advise to farmers and food safety

- Parable of the Sower Luke 8:4-15 - Feeding 5,000+ Matthew 14:15-21

**Commerce :** Develop the foreign and domestic commerce *Mt 28: 18*

**Defense:** Protection/Maintain peace *Luke 19:13 Mt. 5:9*

**Education :** Directs, supervise/coordinate educational activities *Mt 19:14*

**Energy:** Developed to focus on energy production/disposal of nuclear waste. *Mt 26:28*

**Health and Human Services:** Advising the on matters of health/welfare.

*Mt 4:23 & Mk 2:17*

**Homeland Security** concerned with protection/safety of citizens *Mt 28:20*

**Housing and Urban Development** concerned with *urban housing matters Mt 7:25 :*

**State:** concerned with foreign affairs. *Lk 23:12*

**Treasury :** the principal economic advisor

**Attorney General** *I Tim 2:5*

**Mighty God Isaiah 9:6-7**

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“Mighty” Hebrew root word “gibbor” = “hero”, a doer of great things or mighty acts done for someone else

**What comes to mind when you hear someone described as “mighty”?**

- **Bible Heroes:** Today we need Biblical or Divine Heroes

**MIGHTY GOD:** Mankind despises this name and its implications

- Hebrew word for God is “El”: **El Shaddei” = “God Almighty”**

- (Jn 1:1-3, 14, Co. 1:14-17, Heb. 1:2-3 Rev. 1:8)

**What does mighty God mean when we refer to the Messiah?**

- This title goes hand in hand with Wonderful Counsellor

**When laws of natural science are reversed the Mighty God is at the center**

- He is **El Gibbor, the Mighty God. “El Shaddei” or “God Almighty”.**

-*Awesome God:*

**He is mighty to speak** *Mk 4:39-41:*

**He is mighty to stand** *Ish 42:13 and Rev 19:11-16*

- The hymn by Martin Luther “A mighty fortress is our God”

**He is mighty to save** *Zeph 3:17*

- El Shaddai:

It is a **result of the work in His first coming** that we can anticipate the **power of his second.**

Next time there will be no meek and gentle baby, just a **Mighty God** terrible in his wrath.

**Everlasting Father 9:6-7**

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**Dramatic name for a newborn:**

- God incarnate
  - Father: Most popular picture of God
- John 14:8-11

**1. What did the people of Isaiah's day associate with the name Father?**

- Fatherless *Det 24:17-22*
- Father is one who:
- Another type of "father" is a "king" *Isaiah 22:20-22*

**2. What does the term everlasting add to the name "Father"?**

- Israel had plenty of "good fathers/bad fathers"
- *2 Sam 7:5-16*

**3. What does the term "Everlasting Father" mean for us today? *Jn 14:15-19***

- Wonderful Counsellor: has the plan
  - Mighty God: ability to carry out the plan
  - Everlasting Father: spirit, attitude and motivation
  - A good father is: compassionate/loving *Ps 103:13*
- *I Tim. 3:16:*
- I Am: Timeless and eternal *Is 57:15.*
  - Never changes
  - *Is 63:16*

Prince of Peace 9:6-7

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- ❖ **Prince of Peace**

Isaiah's message is going to a people who have only known war, many bad kings and forms of ungodliness

**Peace on Earth:** Many ideas, definitions and observations of what "peace" is.

- Called Prince of Peace yet brings sword: *Mt. 10: 3-36*

**Old Testament word for peace *Shalom*:** Means more than to just than cease in hostilities. It means health, wholeness, harmony, completeness, quiet life fulfilled in everyway. *Is 32:17*

**Unto Us is given one who makes peace between God and man** *Is 53:4-6, Eph 2:13, Rom 5:1* ***But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more than, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.***

**Jesus makes peace possible because of His saving work:**

*Jn 16:33 & Phil 4:7*

**Jesus will bring perfect peace when He returns** *Isaiah 11:1-9 Romans 5:1-2*

*John 14:27*

**Merry**  **Christmas** 