

# ***The Most Amazing Child***

***International Bible Lesson***

***Isaiah 9:2-7***

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*“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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6—KJV).*

*“A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, ‘Wonderful Counselor,’ ‘Mighty God,’ ‘Eternal Father,’ ‘Prince of Peace’” (Isaiah 9:6—GNB).*

*“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6—NRSV).*

One of the most amazing verses in the Hebrew Scriptures includes this prophecy of Isaiah. Imagine! A strict, monotheistic Jewish prophet is declaring that a child would be born and given to us with His name including these titles, “Mighty God” and “Everlasting Father”! Yet, when Isaiah announced God’s promise, he remained a strict, monotheistic Jew, who proclaimed this word of God with such certainty that he used words that implied the son was already born.

Throughout history, only Jesus the Messiah has demonstrated all the traits that God told Isaiah to list. As a teacher, leader, counselor and comforter, Jesus proved to be wonderful. When Jesus walked on water, healed the sick, cast out demons, raised the dead, and even raised himself from the dead, He proved to be mighty. When Jesus prayed, and God answered His every prayer, God the Father endorsed the angel’s message that Jesus, His only begotten Son, was Immanuel, which means, “God with us.” Jesus told His disciples that because they had seen Him they had seen God the Father, and they saw the love, justice, mercy, grace, and forgiveness of the Everlasting Father in Jesus’ life and ministry. As Prince of Peace, Jesus stilled the storm and brought peace between God and repentant sinners who came to faith in Jesus. He even brought peace among Jews and Gentiles who served Him as Lord and Savior. When Jesus returns, He will bring peace to heaven and earth. Until then, Jesus still brings peace of heart and mind to all who trust in Him.

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## **Thinking Further**

1. In what ways can you compare light and truth? How is Jesus “a great light”?
2. Read Isaiah 9:6 again. What truth do you personally find the most amazing truth in this verse? Why?
3. List some of the ways Jesus showed that He is “Mighty God.”
4. How did Jesus show some of the traits of a “Wonderful Counselor”?
5. During His ministry on earth, what were some of the ways Jesus showed and taught that He is “Everlasting Father”?

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