

**This week...**

**Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7**

**Monday** Isaiah 9:6 “*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*”

In ancient times it was common to name someone based on some characteristic or quality found in their life. Many names we use today can be traced to a family’s work, title, or position. Make a list of every name you can find that refers to Jesus, and then explore the origin and meaning of each.

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Why was He a “*child to be born*”. Why not just have this Anointed One appear on the scene as an adult? See how many reasons you can find for this One being born as a child.

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In this passage “*government*” can also mean empire, and an empire is “*a group of nations or peoples ruled over by an emperor, empress, or other powerful sovereign or government*”. Meditate on the greatness of the ruler of this empire and its reach across our world today.

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Find examples in the New Testament that portray the purpose and nature of each of these titles in Jesus’ life; “*Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*”. Now list specific events/times in your life where you have experienced Jesus by these names.

**Friday** Isaiah 9:7 “*Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*”

Is it a coincidence that the Middle East has been filling page 1 of newspapers around the globe for generations? In your opinion, what does our world need more than anything? As a believer, what does Jesus promise to those who are His? Even those who know nothing of Christ should not miss the fact that what was written thousands of years ago regarding a small group of ethnic people in a tiny sliver of land is today touching every life on earth in one form or another. History is moving toward what God has planned, because “*The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*” Are you and those around you ready for the plan that God set in motion long ago? “*To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*”