<u>Isaiah 9</u>

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders. the rod of their oppressor. 5 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

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. 7 Of the greatness 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.

John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has

not overcome it.

John 14

²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.



PREPARE ROOM

3 DEC	HOPE in the darkness	Isaiah 9:1-7
10 DEC	JOY in surrender	Luke 1:46-56
17 DEC	PEACE in the promise	Luke 1:67-80
24 DEC	LOVE from the Father	1 John 4:7-21
24 DEC	LOVE to the world	Luke 2:1-21





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2 Kings 15

²⁹ In the time of Pekah king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and took Ijon, Abel Beth Maakah, Janoah, Kedesh and Hazor. He took Gilead and Galilee, including all the land of Naphtali, and deported the people to Assyria. ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
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Genesis 1

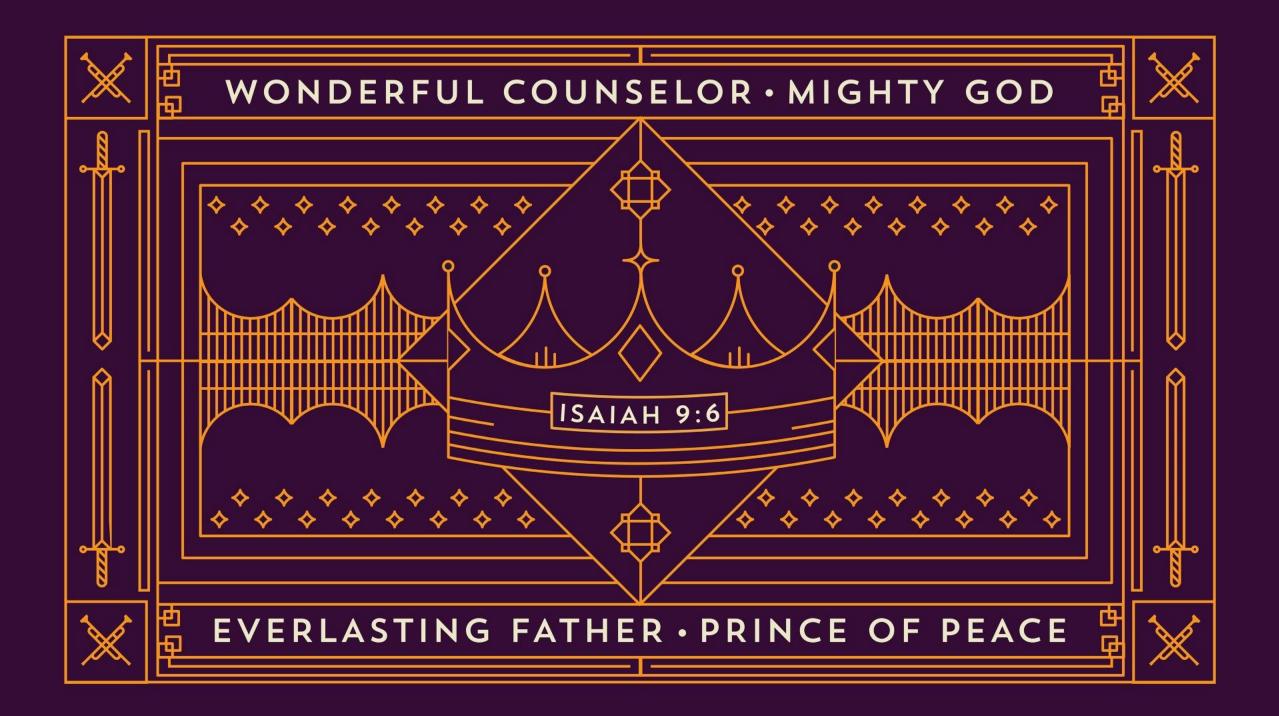
¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of <u>deep darkness</u> a light has dawned. ² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of <u>deep darkness</u> a light has dawned.

Darkness (Choshek) – Confusion, Uncertainty
Deep Darkness (Tsalmaveth) – Death Shadow, Spiritual Darkness ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

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This great light of redemption was always there.

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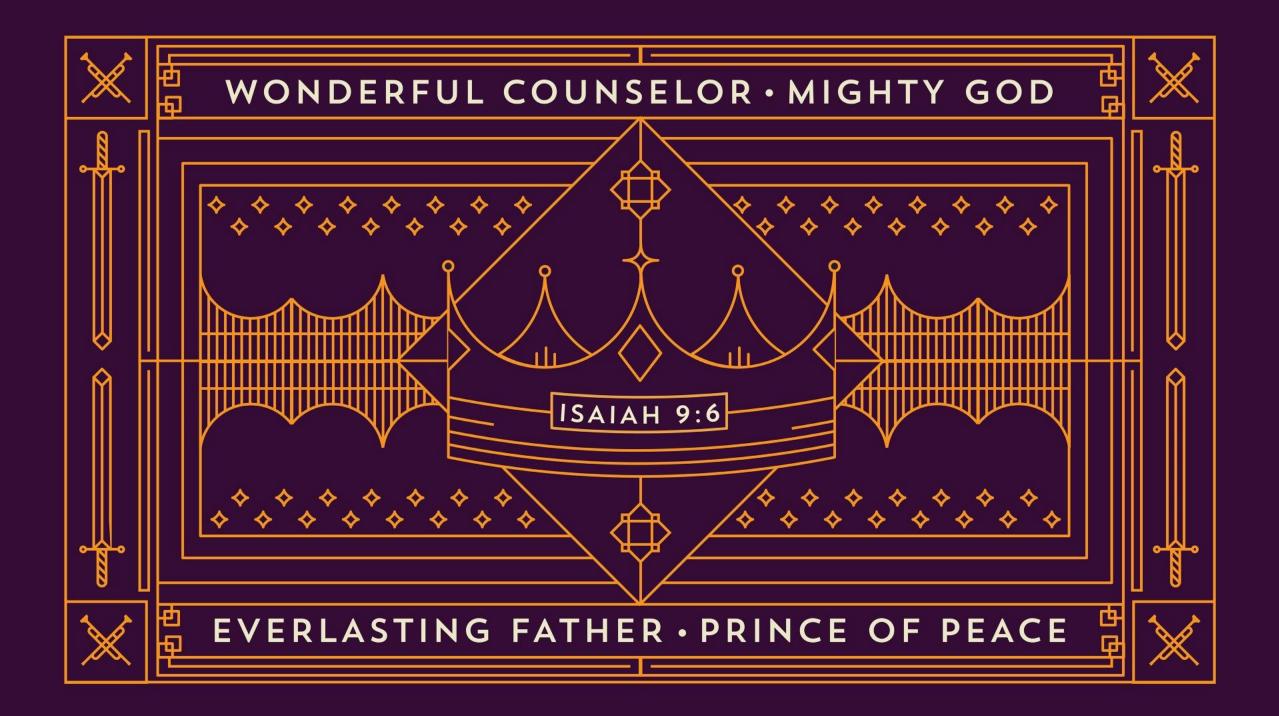


Galatians 4:4-5

"But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive

adoption to sonship."

God knew the perfect time to send this Hope into the world.



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Do we still need this hope?

1 John 4:4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

The great light is in us.

