

Announcement of Christ's Birth
Isaiah 9:6-7

Vs 1-2 are referenced in Matthew 4:13-16 where Christ began his ministry in a part of Israel that had experienced great darkness and devastation by _____ countries. **Vs 3** Christ came as a spiritual light in a spiritually dark place sharing the hope of spiritual change and ultimate _____ in Him alone. **Vs 4-5** Isaiah explains that the one coming will _____ the weapons of war and become the Ruler of peace forever. The reasons for such changes as described in Vs 1-5 are found in **Vs 6-7**.

I. Unto us a child is born Vs 6a

- A. Although this child is born unto a mother, Isaiah, through inspiration of God states that this child is _____ child
- B. There is uniqueness about this relationship that is not found in any other birth mentioned in the Scripture. No other birth mentioned in Scripture references the fact that the birth was specifically with " _____ " in mind.

II. Unto us a Son is given Vs 6b

- A. The child born is a _____ child
- B. This male child is given to us as a _____
- C. This is a reference to his _____

III. This son shall have all the political power _____ his authority Vs 6c-7 The government shall be upon his shoulder

- A. The _____ end of government will be Christ the head and the government under his total control accomplishing his will alone.
- B. *The government shall be-God* said it and therefore it will happen
- C. All the human governments of the world will _____ and come to ruin, but Christ's government will be a government that brings and keeps _____ on the earth **Vs 7a**
- D. His capital shall be _____, and the throne shall be the Throne of David in the Temple **Vs 7b**
 - 1. All decisions concerning Christ's government will be made by _____ **Vs 7c**
 - 2. Christ's government shall be the _____ and eternal government **Vs 7d**
- E. The _____ of God, the Father is behind this government **Vs 7e**

IV. The names given to the _____ who rules over this government Vs 6

- A. *Wonderful-marvelous*, _____, miraculous
- B. *Counselor*-one who consoles and gives advice; his compassion is _____, and his advice is always accurate and the best
- C. *Mighty God*-strong, _____ Deity
- D. *Everlasting Father*-the possessor of eternal life _____ that eternal life to his children through adoption into his family
- E. *Prince of peace*- For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,²⁰ and through him reconcile everything to himself, things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:19-20 CSB