

A close-up, shallow depth-of-field photograph of a row of antique leather-bound books. The spines are made of dark brown leather and feature intricate gold-tooled designs, including diamond-shaped motifs and decorative bands. The books are arranged in a row, receding into the background. A dark purple horizontal bar is positioned at the top of the image, and a larger dark purple rectangular box is at the bottom, containing white text.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 9

VERSES 1-7

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HOPE FOR ISRAEL

THE 'GLOOM' CARRIES OVER FROM ISAIAH 8:22
THE COMING INVASION WAS FROM THE ASSYRIANS
THESE INVASIONS WERE TERRIBLE FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE
NORTHERN REGIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

' But there will be no gloom for her who was
in anguish.

In the former time he brought into
contempt the land of Zebulun and the land
of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has
made glorious the way of the sea, the land
beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. '

Isaiah 9:1

JOY IN THE COMING MESSIAH

' The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. '

Isaiah 9:2-5

REJOICE; REJOICE!

THE PROMISED MESSIAH COULD HAVE BEEN AN ANGEL,
OR GOD WITHOUT HUMANITY OR A FULLY GROWN
MAN
BUT FOR SCRIPTURES TO BE FULFILLED IT HAD TO BE A
CHILD BORN OF A WOMAN
THERE IS NOTHING WEAKER, MORE HELPLESS AND
MORE DEPENDENT THAN A CHILD

' For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. '

Isaiah 9:6-7

WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR

THIS IS A REFERENCE TO THE DEITY OF JESUS. "THE WORD 'WONDERFUL' HAS OVERTONES OF DEITY" (GROGAN). THIS IS ALSO SEEN IN [JUDGES 13:18](#).

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- The Messiah is **Wonderful**: The glory of who He is and what He has done for us should fill us with *wonder*. You can never really look at Jesus, really know Him, and be bored. He is **Wonderful** and will fill your heart and mind with *amazement*.
 - The Messiah is our Counsellor: Jesus is the One fit to guide our lives and should be the Christian's immediate resource as a counsellor. Jesus can help you with your problems. He may use the presence and the words of another Christian to do it, but Jesus is our Counsellor.
 - "It was by a Counsellor that this world was ruined. Did not Satan mask himself in the serpent, and counsel the woman with exceeding craftiness, that she should take unto herself of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, in the hope that thereby she should be as God? Was it not that evil counsel which provoked our mother to rebel against her Maker, and did it not as the effect of sin, bring death into this world with all its train of woe? Ah! beloved, it was meet that the world should have a Counsellor to restore it, if it had a Counsellor to destroy it." (Spurgeon)

MIGHTY GOD

THE MESSIAH IS **MIGHTY GOD**: HE IS THE GOD OF ALL CREATION AND GLORY, THE LORD WHO REIGNS IN HEAVEN, THE ONE WORTHY OF OUR WORSHIP AND PRAISE.

i. It is difficult to think of a more straightforward declaration of the deity of the Messiah. Yet some groups (such as Jehovah's Witnesses) try to make a distinction between **Mighty God** and *Almighty God*. Scripturally, there is no distinction, because both titles are used of Jesus and Yahweh specifically (*Almighty* is applied to Jesus in [Revelation 1:8](#)).

ii. In [Isaiah 10:21](#), the prophet uses the exact same phrase to refer to Yahweh: *The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God*. Therefore, this is a clear statement of absolute deity

iii. "And indeed, if Christ had not been *God*, it would have been unlawful to glory in him; for it is written, *Cursed be he that trusteth in man*. ([Jeremiah 17:5](#))" (Calvin)

iv. "If Christ were not the Son of God, his death, so far from being a satisfaction for sin, was a death most richly and righteously deserved. The Sanhedrin before which He was tried was the recognised and authorised legislature of the country. He was brought before that Sanhedrin, charged with blasphemy, and it was upon that charge that they condemned him to die, because he made himself the Son of God." (Spurgeon)

EVERLASTING FATHER

- i. The Messiah is the **Everlasting Father**: The idea in these Hebrew words is that Jesus is the source or author of all eternity, that He is the Creator Himself. It *does not* mean that Jesus Himself is the Person of the *Father* in the Trinity.

THE MESSIAH IS
THE **PRINCE OF PEACE**:
HE IS THE ONE WHO
MAKES PEACE, ESPECIALLY
BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

PRINCE OF PEACE

IN CONCLUSION

- Whenever, in short, it appears to us that everything is in a ruinous condition, let us recall to our remembrance that Christ is called *Wonderful*, because he has inconceivable methods of assisting us, and because his power is far beyond what we are able to conceive. When we need counsel, let us remember that he is the *Counselor*. When we need strength, let us remember that he is *Mighty and Strong*. When new terrors spring up suddenly every instant, and when many deaths threaten us from various quarters, let us rely on that *eternity* of which he is with good reason called the Father, and by the same comfort let us learn to soothe all temporal distresses. When we are inwardly tossed by various tempests, and when Satan attempts to disturb our consciences, let us remember that Christ is *The Prince of Peace*, and that it is easy for him quickly to allay all our uneasy feelings. Thus will these titles confirm us more and more in the faith of Christ, and fortify us against Satan and against hell itself." (Calvin)

BIBLE NOTES FROM MEETING VIA ZOOM ON 20TH DEC 2022

- Reminded us of “The Light of the World” – people need the light, it is a basic need of life
- The Harvest is a reminder to us that life once depended on it – it was a joyful moment when the harvest was gathered in for another year and people did ‘share the spoils’ freely with their neighbours
- Certainty that peace WILL come upon us – it’s a PROMISE
- Wondered why the reference to Midian in Judges 7 – of all the battles recorded in the OT, why this one?
- Prince of peace – why not KING of peace? A prince has some limitations to his rule – can’t do it all by himself just as Jesus couldn’t achieve everything without his father and the holy spirit.
- Mighty God – ALMIGHTY GOD – all powerful ref. Rev 1:8
- Wonderful counsellor – Trusted, Reliable, Knowledgeable, at our side – see SPURGEON