

Behold the Name: Jesus

Isaiah 9:1-7

Deuteronomy 4:25-31

25 “When you father children and children’s children, and have grown old in the land, if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God, so as to provoke him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess. You will not live long in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you. 28 And there you will serve gods of wood and stone, the work of human hands, that neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in tribulation, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the LORD your God and obey his voice. 31 For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.”

Isaiah 8:18-22

18 Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are signs and portents in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion. 19 And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter," should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. 21 They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. 22 And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

Isaiah 9:1-7

“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. 2 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. 3 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. 4 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. 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 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 Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 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's image of hope is built around light (vs. 2), joy (vs. 3) and peace (vs. 7).
- In the midst of all of this chaos that is happening and is yet to come. Isaiah assures God's people that there will be a glorious return.

- The light, joy and peace are all encompassed in the child that is to be born, a son that will be given!
- The Son to be given is Jesus!

“What you think about God shapes your whole relationship with him. In addition, what you believe God thinks about you determines how close you will grow toward Him.” - Chip Ingram

“What you KNOW about God shapes your whole relationship with Him. In addition, what God KNOWS about you will grow your relationship with Him.”

1. Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor

- Jesus counsels with grace and truth
- Jesus has given us all that we need through the counsel of the word of God and through His life and teachings
- Jesus promises us and sends us the Holy Spirit to be our helper and counselor through life

2. Jesus is the Mighty God

- The Messiah is not a mere man. The Messiah will be the fullness of God! He will be the Mighty God!
- Jesus is 100 % fully God
- As God, Jesus is all-powerful. This means that there is nothing that He cannot do for us and through us.

“So many times in the midst of our trials and tribulations in life we say things like ‘I’ve done everything I can think of to do, and I’ve called all my friends, but nobody can help me. I guess all I can do now is pray.’ What an insult to an all-powerful God!” - Greg Laurie

3. Jesus is the Everlasting Father

- The child that is born and the son that is given is everlasting to everlasting! He's the alpha and the omega! The beginning and the end!
- Jesus is fatherly to His children. We are sons and daughters of King Jesus.

4. Jesus is the Prince of Peace

- Jesus gives the ultimate peace to humanity
- 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (John 14:27)

5. Jesus is the Name above all names

- The greatest name the child was give is, Jesus! The name of our Lord!
- “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)
- “Yeshua”- Yahweh Saves or Yahweh’s Salvation
- It’s in His name that salvation is found. There is no other name under heaven that can save.
- Jesus’ name has been highly exalted!