

“And His Name Will Be Called...”

by Wayne Goff

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”
~ **Isaiah 9:6**.

Names Of Jesus

“...The name Jesus is the combination of all the Old Testament titles used to designate the Coming One according to His nature and His works. The names contained in **Isaiah 7:14** and **9:6** are not thereby suppressed; but they have continued, from the time of Mary downwards, in the mouths of all believers. There is not one of these names under which worship and homage have not been paid to Him. But we never find them crowded together anywhere else, as we do here in Isaiah; and in this respect also our prophet proves himself the greatest of the Old Testament evangelists...” ~ Keil & Delitzsch, *Commentary on the Old Testament*, “Isaiah,” volume 7, page 251.

“Wonderful”

The first title, Wonder or Wonderful, describes the Child as the marvel of the ages, the full revelation of the Father. He has mighty power over Satan and sin; His mission is one of redemption and an expression of infinite love; the summation of all spiritual and moral truth is found in Him. The wonder of His person and work would startle many nations (52:15). He excites awe in the heart of the honest beholder.” ~ Homer Hailey.

“Counselor”

“One who analyzes a situation and gives advice to one who has responsibility for making a decision. Israelite kings seem to have employed counselors on a regular basis (**2 Samuel 16:23; 1 Kings 12:6-14; Isaiah 1:26; 3:3; Micah 4:9**)...” ~ *Holman’s Bible Dictionary*.

“Mighty God”

Jesus is shown to be God in many places in the Bible. Read **John 1:1, 14** and **18** and understand that Jesus, “*The Word*,” became flesh and dwelt among men. But He was in the beginning of all things with God and was God! **Hebrews 1:8** quotes **Psalms 45:6-7** where the Messiah is twice called “God.” **Isaiah 7:14** prophesies of the Messiah whose name would be “Immanuel,” meaning “*God with us*.” Micah’s prophecy about the place of the Messiah’s birth, Bethlehem, also says that He was one “*whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting*” (**Micah 5:2**). Thus, Jesus is eternal God!

“Everlasting Father”

Often our concept of God as “Father” is flavored by our earthly father. However, we must realize that the only way to properly understand the Father is through divine revelation, **1 Corinthians 2:11-12**. Some have suggested that the better translation would be “Father of Eternity.” So Jesus is not a created being; as God, He is eternal, **Isaiah 57:15**. He existed in the beginning with God, **John 1:1; Colossians 1:16-17**. As our Lord and Savior, He is also our eternally-living High Priest who ever lives to make intercession for us! **Hebrews 7:25**. Jesus introduces Himself in the book of **Revelation** with these words: “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty’” (**1:8**). Through Jesus Christ we have been begotten again to a living hope, and so He is our “everlasting Father.”

“Prince Of Peace”

“*Prince*” suggests “royalty,” and “*peace*” suggests calm security. The New Testament plainly teaches us that Jesus brought peace between man and God by taking away man’s enmity (sin) through His blood on the cross. He also brought peace by offering the same salvation in the same realm of salvation (the church), to people of every nation, **Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:15-16**. He gives an internal, everlasting peace of which this world knows nothing! Read **John 14:27** and **Ephesians 2:14-16**.

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