

12062020 He shall Be Called

**We need to understand that Christmas was not man's idea...it was birthed in the heart of God...foretold through the prophets and came to pass two thousand years ago.**

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- **A couple of the most profound and amazing prophecies of Christmas, and Jesus come from the Prophet Isaiah over 700 hundred years before the bith of Jesus.**

**Propheying his birth....**

*Isaiah 7:<sup>14</sup> All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').*

***Isaiah 9:6*** *For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*but that is not near the extent of what he prophesied...here are a couple more*  
**also prophesied Jesus life purpose....**

*Isa 53: 3 He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. 4 Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!*

*<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. <sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.*

### **His Resurrection**

*<sup>11</sup> When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of his experience, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins*

### **The judgment of the nations ...**

*<sup>8:9</sup> "Huddle together, you nations, and be terrified. Listen, all you distant lands. Prepare for battle, but you will be crushed! Yes, prepare for battle, but you will be crushed! <sup>10</sup> Call your councils of war, but they will be worthless. Develop your strategies, but they will not succeed. For God is with us!*

### **And of the restoration of all things:**

*<sup>65:17</sup> "Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.*

**Did you know the prophet Isaiah is the most quoted prophet in the New Testament. Matthew, Mark Luke and John, Acts, Romans, First Peter, Revelation all reference Isaiah numerous times.**

**Now listen...God does everything on purpose and with purposes...so why would he give this man Isaiah these insights...of things to happen sometimes quickly, some at least 700 years later...and some and in the distant future,**

**When God calls a prophet...it is for a reason, including the context of their culture, their time in history, and the government they are under... However the call the word of God to them is much broader in scope then the time period they live in...**

**Every word given to the prophets came to them in the context of them living in a particular time period, in the culture of the time under some form of government....usually bad and Surrounded by trouble.**

**Isaiah was no different. Here is the nutshell back story of this prophet**

Today we will look at first the call of this man...and then his time period in History. Why? we will see much comparison to our own...and his words comfort us as it did him...

- In the historical time of Isaiah .... The **country's** situation was indeed critical and going to get much worse, but because Uzziah was a strong and able ruler, the people had confidence that he would know how to deal with these problems.

### **What was going on then???**

- The Kingdom of Israel that was united under Kings David and Solomon became divided during the reign of Solomon's son Rehoboam beginning in 922 BC (First Kings 12). The Northern Kingdom of Israel comprised of ten tribes rebelled under Jeroboam, while Judah and Benjamin became the Southern Kingdom of Judah. And there was great animosity between them...the breaking down of faith, religious practice and declining morals were taking a toll...
- Thought there was great wealth...the way in which it was distributed brought about some serious problems. The contrast between the rich and the poor reached an alarming state, which brought threats of a revolt from those who were deprived of their lands and other possessions.
- Then, too, there was an added threat from without, for the advance of the Assyrians against northern Israel was an indication that the time was not far distant when Judah might expect an invasion by the Assyrians. The most aggressive powerful and cruel world power at the time.... In fact, The Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians in 722 BC (Second Kings 17). Exiles to Assyria were absorbed into the culture and lost their identity - they are often called the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel."

- **Uzziah one of Judah's greatest kings. He reigned for approximately half a century, and during this time, the southern kingdom of Israel, Judah enjoyed its greatest period of prosperity. Commercial relations were established with neighboring states, and the internal resources of the country were developed.**
- **Then came the startling news that the king had leprosy and would have to leave Jerusalem and live in a leper colony outside the city. Uzziah's son Jotham, heir to the throne, possessed none of the strong and admirable qualities characteristic of his father. Instead, he was a weak and vacillating person quite unable to inspire confidence on the part of his subjects. Uzziah lived for three years in the leper colony. The news of his death brought shock and consternation to the entire kingdom.**
- **The scene in which the vision occurred is the Temple in the city of Jerusalem. where the religious life of the nation was centered, and to this place Isaiah, turned in an hour when the future of his country looked especially bleak. and going to get much worse...**
- **Isaiah means (Lord is Salvation) was a young man in his early twenties when he received his call to a prophetic life, he was a priest and a member of a fairly wealthy, distinguished and influential family and was on familiar terms with the royal court... His call to a prophetic life took place in the year that King Uzziah died (740 B.C.), during a critical period in the history of the nation.**

*Isaiah 6: 1 It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. <sup>2</sup> Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> They were calling out to each other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven's Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!" <sup>4</sup> Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I*

*have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies.*"

- **His service:** The prophet Isaiah is the first of four Major Prophets along with Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel in Hebrew Scripture, our Old Testament of the Bible.
- **Isaiah prophesied during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah (742-687 BC), about 55 years and was grieved by the moral breakdown of the times.**
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- **Assyria laid siege to Jerusalem in 701 BC, but the Lord delivered the city as Isaiah had promised (Isaiah 36-39).** Only defeat of Assyria expansion they ever recorded
- **However, moral decay continued to spiral downward, and Jerusalem and the Temple of the Lord were destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BC, which led to the Babylonian Exile or Captivity of the Jews. As Isaiah had prophesied**
- **Yet he also prophesied The restoration of Israel by Cyrus the Great of Persia (Isaiah 44:28, 45:1)** who was prophesied by name one hundred and fifty years plus before it happened

*Isaiah 44:24 This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer and Creator: “I am the LORD, who made all things. I alone stretched out the heavens. Who was with me when I made the earth?*

*<sup>26</sup> But I carry out the predictions of my prophets! By them I say to Jerusalem, ‘People will live here again,’ and to the towns of Judah, ‘You will be rebuilt; I*

*will restore all your ruins!’<sup>27</sup> When I speak to the rivers and say, ‘Dry up!’ they will be dry.<sup>28</sup> **When I say of Cyrus**, ‘He is my shepherd,’ he will certainly do as I say. He will command, ‘Rebuild Jerusalem’; he will say, ‘Restore the Temple.’”*

**Though these things were still in the future... during he lifetime he continued to serv God, he got married and his wife was also a prophetess, had two sons...and eventually was martyred by the worst King in Judah’s History Massassah.**

- **He spoke of his life and and family in these prophetic words..**

*Isaiah 8:<sup>18</sup> I and the children the LORD has given me serve as signs and warnings to Israel from the LORD of Heaven’s Armies who dwells in his Temple on Mount Zion.*

**Isaiah and his family would be for “signs and wonders in Israel” (Isaiah 8:18). His prophecies are still “signs and wonders” for us today.**

- **So know this no government, no culture no moral decay, no injustice no evil has the final word! God does! and God's government is always in control....and know this Judgment is coming...and according to scripture the next move of God is the rapture of his people.... So, this Christmas the best gift you can receive is to not grow weary for our redemption draws ever closer ...A Son has been given and he is coming back And I repeat what Isaiah says....we are told as we wait on the Lord**

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**for the rest of December, we will be breaking down this amazing prophecy of the coming Messiah King taken from the promise given in Isaiah 9 to the people of Judah....**

**like part of the prophecy in chapter 9...still to happen when Jesus comes back...**

**He also prophesied...the death of Jesus for the sins of man:**

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Who was the worst king of Judah?

**Manasseh**

He is also mentioned in Jeremiah 15:4, where the prophet Jeremiah predicts "four forms of destruction" for the people of Judah because of the evil done by Manasseh in Judah. Manasseh was the first king of Judah who was not contemporary with the northern **kingdom of Israel**, which had been destroyed by the Assyrians in c.

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***Three heavens...earth to clouds...clouds to stars....or the end of the universe...then the abode of God***

- **So how far different are his ways than ours...**
- **The edge of the observable universe is about 46.5 billion light-years away.**
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- **Gods thoughts and ways are farther than that as compared to ours!!**
- **God says his thoughts and ways are of greater distance than that from our thoughts and ways**

**Than he says...so don't think of me as one of you..**

*NU 23:19* *God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?*

- **He does not lie or exaggerate...which is a lie...we can trust his word... Knowing that What God says...he will do... he will do**
- **And we are told...he includes us in the knowledge of his plans..**

*AM 3:7* *Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.*

- **He revealed the big picture to his prophets ...who spoke of it and recorded it in scripture... usually minus the timing and exact circumstances...in fact our timing and circumstances are almost always not God' ...when we think he should move, he hesitates...What we think he should do in a circumstance ...he doesn't ...**
- **He does this for there is more going on than we perceive and he wants us to put our faith in him not on our time nor our and trust his ability to carry out his plan**

**The Christmas story is recorded in two Gospels...and each version reflect back to the time and prophecy of our opening verse in Isaiah 9**

**Matthew writes:** *Matthew 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).* *Isaiah 7*

- **And Luke records The angel Gabriel speaking to Mary..**

*Luke 1: 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”*

**So in order for us to understand this we must go back in time...Do you know that God does everything in context...which means ...things were happening when these words in Isaiah 9 were written...**

- **So when Isaiah records what God says...**

***Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.***

- **This is going to happen...but like always ..this word was given at a time when everything looked bleak...the people were in great fear of invasion...again...and the King in control of the nation of God ...Judah...was anything but godly...**
- **First off the land of Israel given to the twelve tribes...the land of milk and honey...had become divided with ten tribes going north..called Israel and two tribes Benjamin and Judah stating south become the land of Judah...**
- **With Judah being the tribe from which the promised son was to come from... for over a hundred years plus they have had problems with each other...and these are God's kids!**
- **And not only this...the King of Judah was not a good king...the government was Corrupt... apparently he had trusted the Lord at one time in his life, but not anymore**

*2 Chronicles 28:1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. Unlike David his father, he did not do what was right in the eyes of the LORD. 2 He followed the ways of the kings of Israel and also made idols for worshiping the Baals. 3 He burned sacrifices in the Valley of Ben Hinnom and sacrificed his children in the fire, engaging in the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. 4 He offered sacrifices and burned incense at the high places, on the hilltops and under every spreading tree.*

- **Not only did he not follow God ...he introduced pagan and demonic worship to the nation...and the people of God walked away from him...to serve demons..**
- **And about two years prior to the prophecy of Isaiah 9...the northern countries of Syria and Israel attacked and killed 120,000 Judean soldiers and captured and**

**brought to Syria 200,000 women and children...eventually releasing them when the prophet Obed spoke a word from God to Syria..**

- **Their main objective, however, was not met, so they prepared a second incursion against Judah in which to overthrow King Ahaz.**
- **The Judean intelligence service was aware of the troop movements in the north, but God’s intelligence service would reveal the true intentions of the kings of Syria and Israel.**

*Isa 7:2* Now the house of David was told, “Aram(Syria) has allied itself with Ephraim (Israel)”;  
so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

- **Hundreds of thousands of Judean families had suffered at the hands of Syria and Israel...in their attempted destruction and takeover of Judah.**
- **The King and his government had failed to protect them...and now war again was at hand...they were shaking as a nation like a tree in the wind!**
- **But God still loves them, and the Messiah must come through Judah...So he sends a word through his prophet...**

*Isa 7:3* *Then the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Launderer’s Field.*

- **## Shear-Jashub ..means remnant shall return..**
- **What is amazing is God sought out Ahaz, when he was in personal great sin and rebellion, was a horrible leader and greatly damaged his nation as their king...and was about to be invaded for the second time**

<sup>4</sup> *Say to him, ‘Be careful, keep calm and don’t be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup> Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah’s son have plotted your ruin, saying, <sup>6</sup>“Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of Tabeel king over it.”*

- **Isaiah bring you baby to see the king...your child is safe in the midst of trouble with me!! show Ahaz!!**
- **Judah was shaking in their boots... You are afraid of their great anger... They want to destroy Judah and put their own puppet government in charge...**
- **but God says Don't lose heart..be careful what you do...keep calm and don't be afraid!! God is in control...even when it looks like he is not... God says these two nation are like matches that you light a fire with ..and are about to be extinguished...their flame is nothing!**

- **Now that is two different ways to look at a situation!!**
- **Here is some good advice...panic when Jesus panics!! Stay calm until then!!**
- **God says this is what is going to happen..**

*Isa 7:<sup>7</sup> Yet this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “It will not take place, it will not happen,<sup>8</sup> for the head of Aram (Syria) (Syria) is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. (the King) Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people.<sup>9</sup> The head of Ephraim (Israel) is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah’s son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.”*

- **God says I know these countries, I know where the capital cities are located and I know who the Kings are...they are only men whose time is coming to an end...**
- **But You Ahaz king of Judah must make a choice stand in faith of what I tell you will happen ...or you will not stand at all..**
- **Listen Ahaz your Faith must be stood upon or we your mind will blow like a tree in the wind... you will lose your calm, make wreckless decisions based on fear.... the same holds true for us!!**
- **if you don't stand in your faith ...you will not stand at all...you will run somewhere not good!**
- **So the Lord asks Ahaz to ask the Lord for a sign ...he can do what he says...**

*Isa:7<sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz,<sup>11</sup> “Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test.”*

- **Sounds noble...but it was not...Ahaz had already been making gesture toward the King of Assyria, to help him in exchange for an alliance between the nations...**
- **So he gave good sounding god talk...did not fool God at all...**

*<sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, <sup>16</sup> for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. <sup>17</sup> The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”*

- **God says because you have disrespected me again and now trust man's government over mine.. I will give you a sign...that I am in control...**

- **This is a two fold prophecy...remember Isaiah's son is with him... *Shear-Jashub* ..means remnant shall return..the Lord says to Ahaz...before the child from a virgin ...in Hebrew virgin has two meaning(young girl/teen or a virgin) gives birth to a son and will name him Immanuel ..for she shall know God is with them...and before he is old enough to know right from wrong...the kings you fear will be dead!**
- **and people will name their children Immanuel for they will see God is with them! He has not forsaken them!!!...it appears the name Immanuel became popular!**
- **Tis is like many prophecies...it two fold it will be fulfilled in the short term and will have a future new testament fulfillment...in the birth of Jesus spoken of in Matthew**
- **but know this Assyria will lay this nation to waste! but a remnant shall remain...why? Because the ultimate King will come! from God...and the sign again will be a virgin... who will conceive..**

**In chapter 9 of Isaiah the Lord tells Ahaz...even though Assyria will destroy the land, none the less I will bring you out of that darktime ....I will restore you...**

*Isaiah 9:1 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—*

- **I will bring you out of the darkness and distress of your life...**
- **I will bring the light of salvation...this is global and individual...**

<sup>2</sup> *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

**Jesus is the light has landed...**

**Jesus would say.. John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to **the** people, he said, “I am **the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have **the light of life**.”**

**He is the child given to us...the son born to us...**

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- **The one who sits on the throne outside this creation will become a human, a son of man...and It is his Mission to govern perfectly with justice and righteousness...His zeal (passion) will accomplish this...**
- **He has come and is calling people from the gloom and distress and darkness of their lives...and putting their trust in governments of every kind to fix them...and letting his light dawn in their lives...establishing his kingdom one person at a time...**
- **Jesus Immanuel God with us...is truly with us in the life we are living... teaching us to stand in faith..That the God whose ways and thoughts are higher than us...knows what he is doing...even when it makes no sense to us...**
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- **you are an ambassador of this kingdom to a world that is continually shaking like a tree in the wind....so stay calm, do not be afraid...love people and point to the king of the government that is here and yet coming!!**

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- my inner being is not right..exemplified by the way I speak...as Jesus Said:

*Luke 6:45A good man brings good things **out of the** good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things **out of the** evil stored up in his heart. For **the mouth** speaks what **the heart** is full of.*

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, "For how long, Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, <sup>12</sup> until the LORD has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remains in the



*land, it will again be laid waste. But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land."*

- Its essential meaning is expressed in the prophet's deep conviction that despite Judah's dark hour, Yahweh still controls the nations. His glory and majesty fill the whole earth.
- The contrast between Yahweh's holiness and the sinful state into which the Judean kingdom has fallen is something that calls for immediate action.
- Someone must speak for Yahweh and communicate the divine message to the people. Knowing what a difficult task this would be, Isaiah pleads that he is quite unfit to perform it. Then an act takes place that symbolizes an inner cleansing of his heart and mind, after which he responds to the call with the words "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah's ministry lasted approximately half a century, continuing through the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Tradition tells us that he suffered a martyr's death during the reign of King Manasseh. His work brought him into direct contact with kings and priests, and he encountered strong opposition from both groups.

**Religious...** Their practice of their faith just became religious activities... For example, speaking for God, he says, "'The multitude of your sacrifices — what are they to me?' says the Lord." And again, "Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts my soul hates." He even insists that Yahweh will not listen to the multitude's prayers: "When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood."

**Economic...** In the same spirit, Isaiah criticizes the economic policies that were not only sanctioned but encouraged by the rulers of the land. In "The Song of the Vineyard," which was probably chanted by the prophet, we find these words: "Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no place is left and you live alone in the land." This chant protests the way in which the poor people were deprived of their property in order to satisfy the claims of their creditors, who had taken unfair advantages of these people's unfortunate circumstances in order to enrich themselves.

The prophet's criticism of kings was expressed on many occasions, but never was it more pronounced than when he protested against the foreign alliances that were being negotiated. Early in Isaiah's ministry, he warned King Ahaz against the dangers involved in an alliance with Assyria.

**fears of war...** During the time of Isaiah, on two different occasions an attempt was made to curb the rising power of the Assyrians by forming alliances that would resist their aggression. The first of these was promoted by the Egyptians, who invited the Judean king to join with them. The second one was initiated by the king of Babylon, who visited King

Hezekiah and tried to persuade him to have Judah join with the Babylonians and the Egyptians in a united front against Assyria.

The King, fearful that Judah would be unable to stand alone, was inclined to join the alliance, but Isaiah knew that it would be a grave mistake for the king to do so. The Lord told him to Tell the King:

*[Isaiah 31:1](#) Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, who trust in the multitude of their chariots and in the great strength of their horsemen, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel, or seek help from the Lord.*

*[Isaiah 31:3](#) But the Egyptians are mere mortals and not God; their horses are flesh and not spirit. When the LORD stretches out his hand, those who help will stumble, those who are helped will fall; all will perish together.*

The hope... Isaiah's teaching concerning the hope of Judah were his predictions with reference to the coming of a Messiah, or "anointed one," who will someday occupy the throne in Jerusalem and rule the nation with justice and righteousness. He will be a far better king than any of those who have preceded him. Do not trust in men and their politics trust in God!

Under his leadership of God, the poor and the oppressed will find a champion, for he will judge their cases with a discerning mind and will not be unduly influenced by hearsay or mere outward appearances.

**His kingdom will be the fulfillment and realization of the divine purpose in the world.**

*[Isaiah 7:14](#) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him **Immanuel**. (which means "God with us").*

*Isaiah 9:1 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—*

<sup>2</sup> *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

*Isaiah 9: 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. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.*

**It has always been God's desire to live with his creation... humans...**

**History tells us the story...but the story continues on in our generation...As Paul says...**

Acts 17 “<sup>24</sup>“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.

<sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

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- **They were in the best of times for Israel...but it was the worst of times spiritually...morally and justice...**
- **God sent Isaiah to want them...for 50 +years with ever dier consequences...Isaiah would be considered as a complete failure, as a preacher**