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WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

# Isaiah – Background

## Isaiah – 8<sup>th</sup> century, BC:

- The Promise of the Messiah
  - Old Testament – 39 uses (“anointed”)
    - The *Septuagint* – “Christos”
  - The Messiah’s Kingdom (9:7)
  - The Messiah’s Person (7:14, Matt. 1:22-23)
  - The Times Surrounding the Messianic Prophecy
    - 1:2-4; 8:21-22

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# Isaiah – Contrasts

**9:1-2** Darkness for Light (Matt. 4:13-16)

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## Matthew 4:13-16

“And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ‘The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.’”

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# Isaiah – Contrasts

**9:1-2** Darkness for Light (Matt. 4:13-16)

**9:3-4** Bondage for Joy (Luke 2:10)

**9:5** War for Peace

**9:6** An Ideology versus a Person

A king versus a Child

Might and Authority versus Humility

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# Isaiah – “Wonderful”

## Either:

- “The Wonder of a Counselor”
- “Awestruck”

## The “Wonderful” Jesus:

- He calmed the sea (Matt. 8:27)
- He healed a paralytic (Matt. 9:8)
- He cast out a demon (Matt. 9:33)
- How He left Pontius Pilate (Matt. 27:14)
- How testimony of Him affected Mary and Joseph (Luke 2:33)
- How He left the Jews after teaching (John 7:15)

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# Isaiah – “Counselor”

**Counselor:** “to advise, give counsel, guide, devise, plan”

## **Remember a Time When You:**

- Felt guilty or condemned
- Were confused about circumstances
- Were unsure of your identity
- Were afraid
- Were incapable of helping yourself
- Were hurt badly by someone
- Hurt someone badly
- Needed assurance
- Needed healing
- Needed an objective opinion

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# God's Counsel

## The Counsel of God:

- Stands Forever (Psalm 33:11)
- Is Who He is (Psalm 119:124)
- Is What He Has (Job 12:13)
- Is His Gift (Psalm 16:7)
- Is Faithful and True (Isaiah 25:1)
- Is Guidance For Us (Psalm 32:8)
- Is His Son (Isaiah 11:2)

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# God's Counsel

- **Stands Forever (Psalm 33:11)** – “The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation.”
- **Is Who He Is (Psalm 119:124)** – “Your testimonies also are my delight, and my counselors.”
- **Is What He Has (Job 12:13)** – “With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding.”
- **Is His Gift (Psalm 16:7)** – “I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel...”

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- **Is Faithful and True (Isaiah 25:1)** – “O Lord, You are my God. I will exalt You, I will praise Your name, For You have done wonderful things; Your counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.”
- **Is Guidance for Us (Psalm 32:8)** – “I will instruct (counsel) you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”
- **Is His Son (Isaiah 11:2)**

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