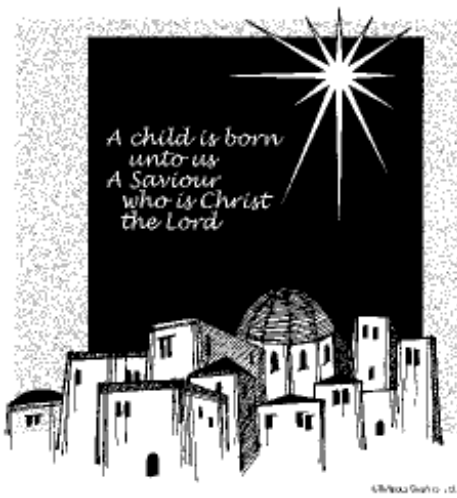


## Mighty God



### El Gibbor—לִבְרָג לֵךְ

“For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.”

*Colossians 1:16-17*

*(See also John 1:1-5)*

**Introduction:** The prophecy of the birth of the Messiah reveals Him as the ‘Wonderful Counselor’ [see message 2] and now as ‘Mighty God.’ How strange that a baby would be called these names—until we understand that before He was a baby—He already was Mighty God.

#### A. El Gibbor — Mighty God

1. This prophecy boldly declares the deity of the Messiah by calling Him Mighty God: Heb—El Gibbor.
2. Jeremiah says, “You show lovingkindness to thousands, and repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them—the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the LORD [*Jehovah*] of hosts.” *Jer 32:18*

#### B. The Might of God

The word ‘Gibbor’ [*might*] means to be brave, strong, powerful and warrior.

1. The preincarnate Messiah was mighty in His works of creation, miracles and signs and wonders.
2. The incarnate Messiah was mighty in miracles, redemption, and resurrection from the dead.
3. The risen Messiah is mighty through His children who live in the power of His name.
4. The Coming Messiah will be mighty in fulfilling His promises to Israel and the redeemed.

#### C. The God of Might

The God of Might was born as a child but given as a Son and throughout the ages reveals Himself and His might to His people, including to us! ***Will you walk in His Might?***

1. Abraham and Sarah hear from the Messiah *Gen 18:1-15*
2. Moses hears God from the burning bush *Ex 3:1-8*
3. Isaiah saw the Messiah on His throne *Isa 6:1-9*
4. Joshua saw the ‘Commander of God’s army’ *Josh 5:13-15*
5. Shepherds see the Mighty God in a manger *Luke 2:15-18*
6. Teachers of Israel see the Mighty God *Luke 2:41-49*
  - a. Joseph and Mary leave the Mighty God behind!
  - b. How easy is it to leave Jesus behind?
  - c. Joseph and Mary had to go back...return
  - d. Is it time to return to your Mighty God? *Rev. 2:4.*

### Isaiah 9:1-7

**:1** Nevertheless the gloom will not be upon her who is distressed, as when at first He lightly esteemed the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles.

**:2** The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

**:3** You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

**:4** For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

**:5** For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning and fuel of fire.

**:6** 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.**

**:7** Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever.

**The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.**