



The Birth of the Messiah Wonderful Counselor

The Spirit of Counsel

“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The ***Spirit of the LORD*** shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of **counsel** and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”
Isaiah 11:1-2

Introduction: No matter the darkness—the ‘Light’ [Christ] will dispel the darkness. *Isaiah 9:2; John 1:1-5; 1 John 1:5-7*

1. The Light shines in the world and the Light shines through those who have trusted Christ as Savior.
2. The ‘government’ [rule, dominion and reign] takes place in the realm of the Kingdom—both present and future.
3. It is the ‘zeal’ of the Lord that will bring to pass the purposes and counsel of God.

A. Wonderful Counselor

1. Like the next three names given to the Messiah—‘**wonderful counselor**’ forms a single name.
2. The Septuagint [*Greek translation of the Heb OT*] translates this phrase as, “The angel of the mighty counsel,” and the Chaldee [*Aramaic—the language Jesus spoke*] has, “The God of wonderful counsel.”

B. The Wonder in **Wonderful**

1. The Heb word for ‘wonder’ is ‘pele’ which comes from a verb which means to separate or to make great. It is most often translated as ‘wonder’ or ‘wonderful’ and literally means: **A miracle!** *Exo 15:1-2; 11*
2. The Messiah is wonderful in all things. The manner of his birth was wonderful; his humility, his self-denial, his sorrows were wonderful; his mighty works were wonderful; his dying agonies were wonderful; and his resurrection, his ascension, were all suited to excite admiration and wonder.

C. The Counsel in **Counselor**

1. The Heb word for ‘counselor’ means to advise, determine, guide and purpose.
2. The Messiah is called ‘Counselor’ by virtue of the Spirit of counsel which He possesses. *Isa 11:2 (See above)*
3. The Lord gives His people (individually) His counsel *Psalm 16:7; Isaiah 28:29*
4. The counsel of God is also what God purposes in His mind. *Isaiah 14:24-27*
5. Jesus gives us ‘counsel’ by the ministry of the Word—which is the counsel of God. *Psalm 119:105*. The Apostle Paul gave “The whole counsel of God.” *Acts 20:27*

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 shoulder, the rod 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.