

*When Did Christmas Get  
Hijacked?*

Isaiah 9:1-7



# *The Old Testament...*

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

I & II Samuel

I & II Kings

I & II Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Job

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song of Solomon

*Isaiah 9:1-7*

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi



*Scripture teaches that the birth of  
Jesus is for those who live in such  
dark places that the light  
never seems to dawn.*



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“God only” wonder.

B. Counselor: A good counselor can see enough light that they can offer legitimate reason for hope.

C. This Wonderful Counselor is this “          ” wonder who brings light and hope to places of dark desperation.



*Exodus 15:11*

"Who among the gods is like you,  
O Lord?

Who is like you -  
majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glory,  
working wonders?

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*Psalm 77:11*

I shall remember the deeds of  
the Lord;  
Surely I will remember Your  
wonders of old.

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*Isaiah 29:14*

Therefore once more I will  
astound these people  
with wonder upon wonder.  
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## II. The Need: Summed up in Isaiah 9:1... Nevertheless!

- A. Sooner or later we find ourselves living in really dark places that appear absent of light.
- B. This prophecy was written at a very dark time in the history of Judah (700 BC). It was such a dark time they would be unable to see any hope, nevertheless ...!



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- C. The fulfillment of this prophecy took place at a very dark time in the history of the Jews. They were living in a "nevertheless" time!
- D. The true message of Christmas continues to be an announcement of hope to those who need to hear "nevertheless!"



You will have at least three opportunities to extend a glimpse of hope to people who live in worlds of darkness.

- Cathy's class... the glove, mitten, and hat tree.
- Lighthouse kids... 26 family units in the city of Canton.
- Alex and Julie Kozel's family... travel fund.



Isaiah 9:6

*His name will be called  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.*

