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## THE KING OF CHRISTMAS: A MESSAGE OF ETERNAL MAJESTY

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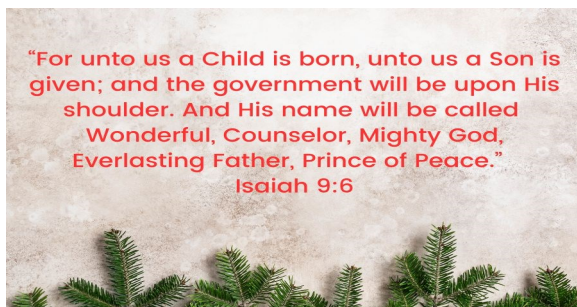
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As we approach the season of Christmas, our hearts are often drawn with great joy to the familiar scenes of Jesus in a manger, shepherds, and angels heralding the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. Adorned with twinkling lights and festive trees, it can be effortless to let Christmas become an acquainted, sentimental tale. However, have you truly considered the depth of this narrative, not just as the birth of a child but as the arrival of a King?

Being a senior in high school, writing this article has been a thoughtful pursuit, because it is so true that Christmas can easily slip into token gestures, nostalgic reminiscences, or clichéd expressions. Yet, reflecting on the timeless carols that echo through the air during this season, I have noticed a profound theme—that the babe in the manger was born to be King, not just any king, but the King of all Kings.

### An Unparalleled Occurrence

The prophet Isaiah, centuries before Christ's birth, spoke of a miraculous sign—an unparalleled occurrence.



Isaiah prophesied that a virgin would conceive and bring forth a Son. This child, named Emmanuel, God with us, would signal a new era. Born of a human mother yet divine in essence, Jesus Christ embodies both God and man. But Isaiah's vision goes beyond the humble birth in Bethlehem. It paints a picture of a ruler whose dominion knows no end. "The government will be upon His shoulders," Isaiah declared. This child, born in obscurity, would hold dominion over everything for "He is the Lord of lords and

King of kings" (Revelation 17:14). Jesus Christ's story does not culminate in the manger scene. While born in humble circumstances, Jesus was destined to be far more than just a historical figure or a religious icon. He is the embodiment of God's eternal plan, the focal point of human history—a King whose dominion surpasses all earthly rulers and realms. Isaiah's prophecy also unveiled the names by which this King would be known.

### And His Name Will Be Called...

He is the "*Wonderful Counselor*," a designation that is not merely a title but an affirmation of the extraordinary wisdom inherent in this King. In a world afflicted with uncertainties and trials of many kinds, this King offers counsel that navigates every intricacy of life. His counsel isn't bound by time or circumstance but is eternally relevant and remarkably profound, addressing the deepest yearnings and perplexities of the human heart.

He is the "*Mighty God*," a title that speaks to the omnipotence of this King. He is the Creator and sustainer of the universe, holding immeasurable might beyond comparison. No force, earthly or spiritual, can challenge or overthrow His dominion. His might extends over all realms, assuring us of an unwavering, secure refuge in His sovereign care.

He is the "*Eternal Father*," the protector and provider for all. Isaiah illuminates Christ's role as the everlasting guardian and provider. His fatherly care extends across eternity, embracing all who come under His reign. He protects and shelters us, abundantly providing for us from his endless resources. Just as a loving earthly father cares for his children, this King, with infinite compassion, safeguards and nurtures His people, meeting their every need with boundless grace and unwavering love.

And finally, He is the "*Prince of Peace*." Unlike any earthly kingdom, His dominion isn't marred by conflict, hostility, or discord. His governance fosters



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"If I ride the morning winds to the farthest oceans, even there Your hand will guide me, Your strength will support me."  
Psalm 139:9-10

harmony, serenity, and reconciliation. He reconciles humanity with God, bringing peace to hearts, families, communities, and nations. He calms the raging storms and is a Prince presiding over a kingdom marked by everlasting peace.

### A Message of Eternal Significance

The birth of Jesus is the crux of salvation; furthermore it is a message of eternal significance. For those who confess Jesus as their Lord and Savior, His kingdom awaits.

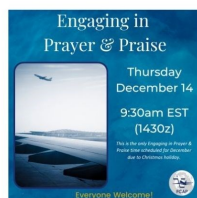
So as this holiday season rolls around, will you come to the Cross and deny yourselves daily? The heart of Christmas beckons us to contemplate the question, will you acknowledge His royal Majesty? Will you bend your knee and embrace Him as your King? Christmas, beyond the gifts and festive cheer, is an invitation—an invitation to embrace the King who offers eternal blessings, peace, and salvation. In this joyous season, may our hearts bow low, not just in

celebration but also in reverence to the King who came humbly yet holds the universe in His hands.

Wishing you all a Christmas filled with the awe and majesty of our Great King.

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