

A night scene with a bright star in the sky and a village below. The star is a bright, multi-pointed star with a lens flare effect, positioned in the upper left quadrant. A beam of light shines down from the star towards the village. The village consists of several small, dark buildings with arched doorways, situated in a valley. The background shows rolling hills under a dark, starry sky.

TO
US A
SON IS
GIVEN

Because the Child is Born!

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴ For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵ Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Pivotal word...

FOR = because

Historical background:

Fear

Threat

Darkness descending

Then comes the Word of the LORD:

The LORD will do 4 things:

God will cause LIGHT to shine in the darkness

God will cause JOY to spring up in the fear

God will break the yoke of oppression, and give FREEDOM

God will burn the instruments of war and deliver PEACE

How can this happen?

Why will these beautiful and powerful transformations occur?

Because a child is born, a Son is given!

The Big Idea:

**When the child is born, the Son is given,
then the 4 great promises will be fulfilled!**

Who can this child be?

Wonderful

Counsellor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

The 4 Promises can now be fulfilled:

LIGHT

JOY

FREEDOM

PEACE

But if the Child is born, why do we still have darkness, sorrow, bondage and hostility?

Jesus comes in where He is invited in.

**O come to my heart
LORD Jesus**

**There is room in my heart
for You!**