## Isaiah 9:6-7 Old Testament Prophecy of a Special Child Being Born

6 This will happen when the special child is born. God will give us a son
who will be responsible for leading the people. ***His name will be
"Wonderful Counselor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever,
Prince of Peace."*** 7 His power will continue to grow, and there will be
peace without end. This will establish him as the king sitting on David's
throne and ruling his kingdom. He will rule with goodness and justice
forever and ever. The strong love that the LORD All-Powerful has for his
people will make this happen!

## John 1:1-18 Christ Comes to the World

1 Before the world began, the **Word**[a] was there. The **Word** was with
God, and the **Word** was God.

*[a] Word The Greek word is " logos," meaning any kind of communication.
It could be translated "message."* ***Here, it describes Jesus Christ
before he was sent to earth as a human being****, which is the way God
chose to tell the world about himself. Also in verses 10, 14, 16.*

2 He was there with God in the beginning. 3 Everything was made
through him, and nothing was made without him. 4 In him there was life,
and that life was a light for the people of the world. 5 The **light**[b] shines
in the darkness, and the darkness has not defeated[c] it.

*[b]* ***light Meaning Christ, the Word, who brought to the world
understanding about God.*** *Also in verse 7.*

*[c] defeated Or "****understood.****"*

6 There was a man named John, who was sent by God. 7 He came to tell
people about the **light**. Through him all people could hear about the **light**
and believe. 8 John was not the **light**. But he came to tell people about
the **light**. 9 The true **light** was coming into the world. This is the true **light**
that gives **light** to all people.

10 The **Word** was already in the world. The world was made through him,
but the world did not know him. 11 He came to the world that was his
own. And his own people did not accept him. 12 But some people did
accept him. They believed in him, and he gave them the right to become
children of God. 13 They became God's children, but not in the way
babies are usually born. It was not because of any human desire or plan.
They were born from God himself.

14 The **Word** became a man and lived among us. We saw his divine
greatness—the greatness that belongs to the only Son of the Father. The
Word was full of grace and truth. 15 John told people about him. He said
loudly, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'The one who is
coming after me is greater than I am, because he was living before I was
even born.'"

16 Yes, the **Word** was full of grace and truth, and from him we all
received one blessing after another. 17 That is, the law was given to us
through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No
one has ever seen God. The only Son is the one who has shown us what
God is like. He is himself God and is very close to the Father.

## Colossians 1:15-23 The Son of God Is the Same as God

15 No one can see God,
but the Son is exactly like God.
He rules over everything that has been made.
16 Through his power all things were made:
things in heaven and on earth, seen and not seen—
all spiritual rulers, lords, powers, and authorities.
Everything was made through him and for him.

17 The Son was there before anything was made.
And all things continue because of him.
18 He is the head of the body, which is the church.
He is the beginning of everything else.
And he is the first among all who will be raised from death.
So in everything he is most important.

19 God was pleased for all of himself to live in the Son.
20 And through him, God was happy to bring all things back to himself
again—things on earth and things in heaven. God made peace by
using the blood sacrifice of his Son on the cross.

21 At one time you were separated from God. You were his enemies in
your minds, because the evil you did was against him. 22 But now he has
made you his friends again. He did this by the death Christ suffered while
he was in his body. He did it so that he could present you to himself as
people who are holy, blameless, and without anything that would make
you guilty before him. 23 And that is what will happen if you continue to
believe in the Good News you heard. You must remain strong and sure in
your faith. You must not let anything cause you to give up the hope that
became yours when you heard the Good News. That same Good News
has been told to everyone on earth, and that's the work that I, Paul, was
given to do.

## Isaiah 53:1-12 Old Testament Prophecy of Jesus The Suffering Messiah or Christ or Anointed One

1 Who really believed what we heard? Who saw in it the LORD's great
power?

2 He was always close to the Lord. He grew up like a young plant, like a
root growing in dry ground. There was nothing special or impressive
about the way he looked, nothing we could see that would cause us to
like him. 3 People made fun of him, and even his friends left him. He was
a man who suffered a lot of pain and sickness. We treated him like

someone of no importance, like someone people will not even look at but turn away from in disgust.

4 The fact is, it was our suffering he took on himself; he bore our pain. But we thought that God was punishing him, that God was beating him for something he did. 5 But he was being punished for what we did. He was crushed because of our guilt. He took the punishment we deserved, and this brought us peace. We were healed because of his pain. 6 We had all wandered away like sheep. We had gone our own way. And yet the LORD put all our guilt on him.

7 He was treated badly, but he never protested. He said nothing, like a lamb being led away to be killed. He was like a sheep that makes no sound as its wool is being cut off. He never opened his mouth to defend himself. 8 He was taken away by force and judged unfairly. The people of his time did not even notice that he was killed. But he was put to death for the sins of his people. 9 He had done no wrong to anyone. He had never even told a lie. But he was buried among the wicked. His tomb was with the rich.

10 But the LORD was pleased with this humble servant who suffered such pain. Even after giving himself as an offering for sin, he will see his descendants and enjoy a long life. He will succeed in doing what the LORD wanted. 11 After his suffering he will see the light, and he will be satisfied with what he experienced.

The Lord says, “My servant, who always does what is right, will make his people right with me; he will take away their sins. 12 For this reason, I will treat him as one of my great people. I will give him the rewards of one who wins in battle, and he will share them with his powerful ones. I will do this because he gave his life for the people. He was considered a criminal, but the truth is, he carried away the sins of many. Now he will stand before me and speak for those who have sinned.”

## Romans 10:8-11 Faith in the Risen Messiah

**8** This is what the Scripture says: “God’s teaching is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart.” It is the teaching of faith that we tell people. **9** If you openly say, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in your heart that God raised him from death, you will be saved. **10** Yes, we believe in Jesus deep in our hearts, and so we are made right with God. And we openly say that we believe in him, and so we are saved.

**11** Yes, the Scriptures say, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disappointed.”

*All Passages from the Easy-to-Read Version
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ISAIAH 9:6