

1 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; □

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

upon them the light has dawned.

2 You have increased their joy and given them great gladness; □

they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest.

3 For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them; □

the collar that lay heavy on their shoulders.

4 For to us a child is born and to us a son is given, □

and the government will be upon his shoulder.

5 And his name will be called: Wonderful Counsellor;

the Mighty God; □

the Everlasting Father; the Prince of Peace.

6 Of the increase of his government and of peace □

there will be no end,

7 Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, □

to establish and uphold it with justice and righteousness.

8 From this time forth and for evermore; □

the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9.2,3b,4a,6,7

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

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