

Chapter 9

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.
On those who live in a land of deep shadow,
a light has shone.

For the yoke that was weighing on them,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken and removed.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonder-Counselor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.

Jesus, please help me understand
how the words of this chapter refer to you

Chapters 10, 11, 12

Woe to legislators who issue unjust laws,
laws which exploit poor people.

A day of reckoning is coming
when unjust legislators will answer to the Lord.

The Lord will send a good and just king to rescue the poor.

A shoot will spring from the stock of Jesse,
on him the spirit of the Lord will rest,

a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge,
a spirit of love and respect for the Lord.

He will judge justly, and the land will know peace.

The country will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

Exiles will return to their homeland.

Then we will draw water joyfully
from the springs of salvation,
for great in our midst will be the Holy One of Israel.

Lord, please help governments to do more for poor people