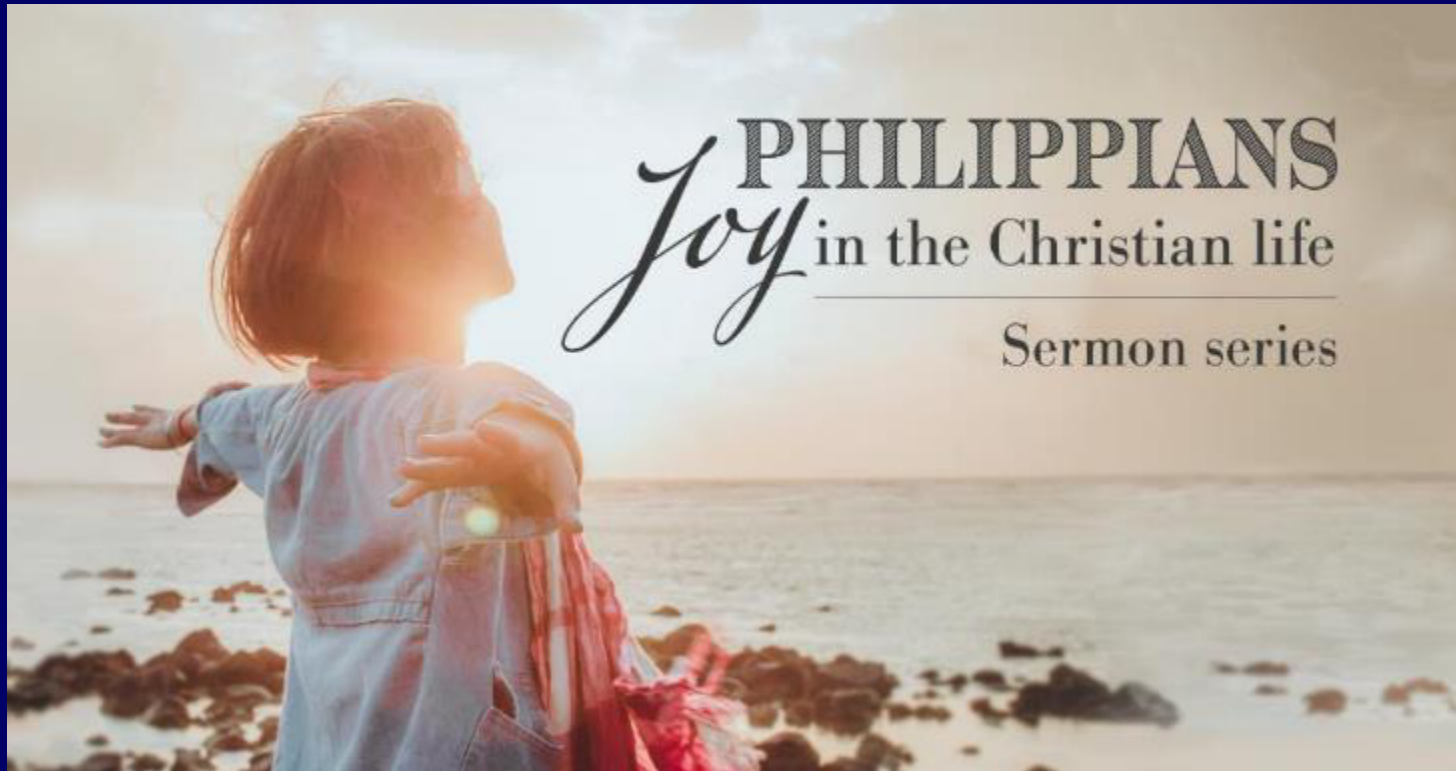


HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE



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Answering Ten Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – **Paul**
- 2) To Whom was it written? – **The Believers at Philippi**
- 3) Where was it written from? – **Rome**
- 4) When was it written? – **A.D. 62**
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – **Five contacts**
- 6) Who are the opponents? – **Four opponents threatening joy**
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – **To give joy during adversity**
- 8) How is it organized (outline)? – **Four- part outline**
- 9) What is it about? – **Joy during adverstiy**
- 10) What makes the book different? – **Personal & informal**

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Relationship

Responsibility

No imperatives

35 imperatives

Orthodoxy

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Knowledge

Wisdom

Belief

Behavior

Position

Practice

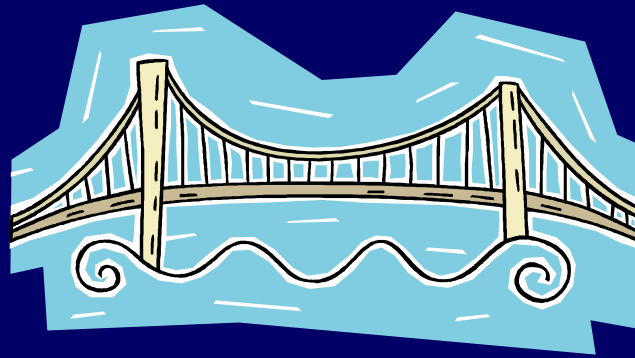
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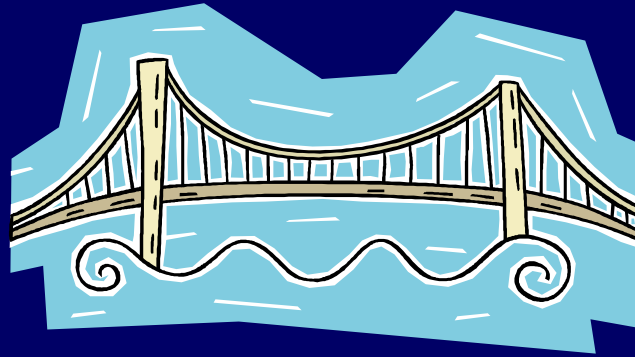


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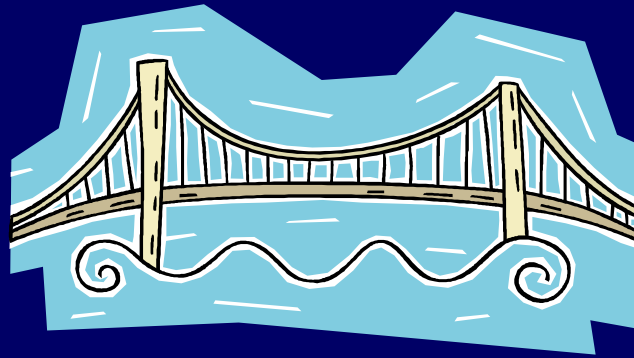


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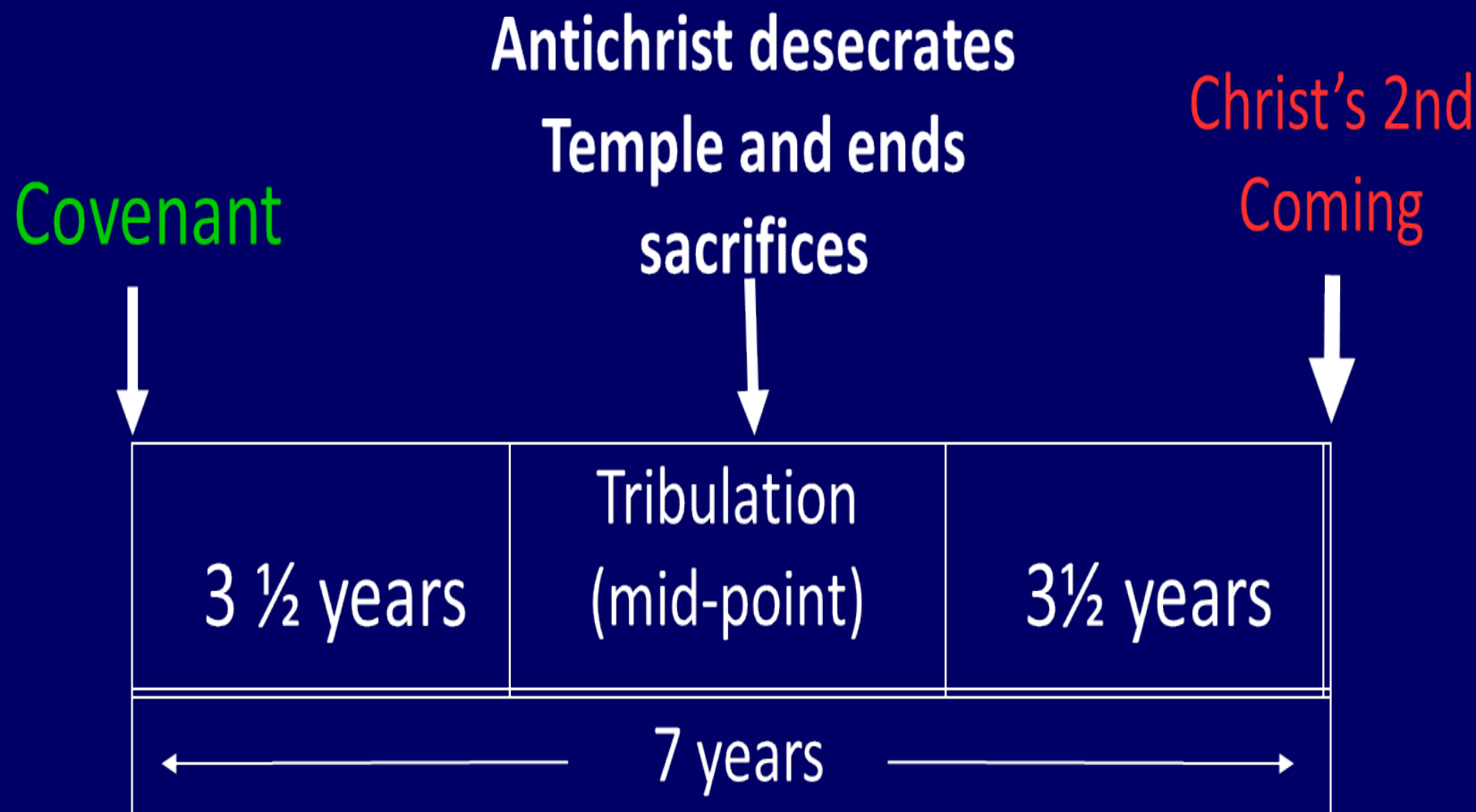
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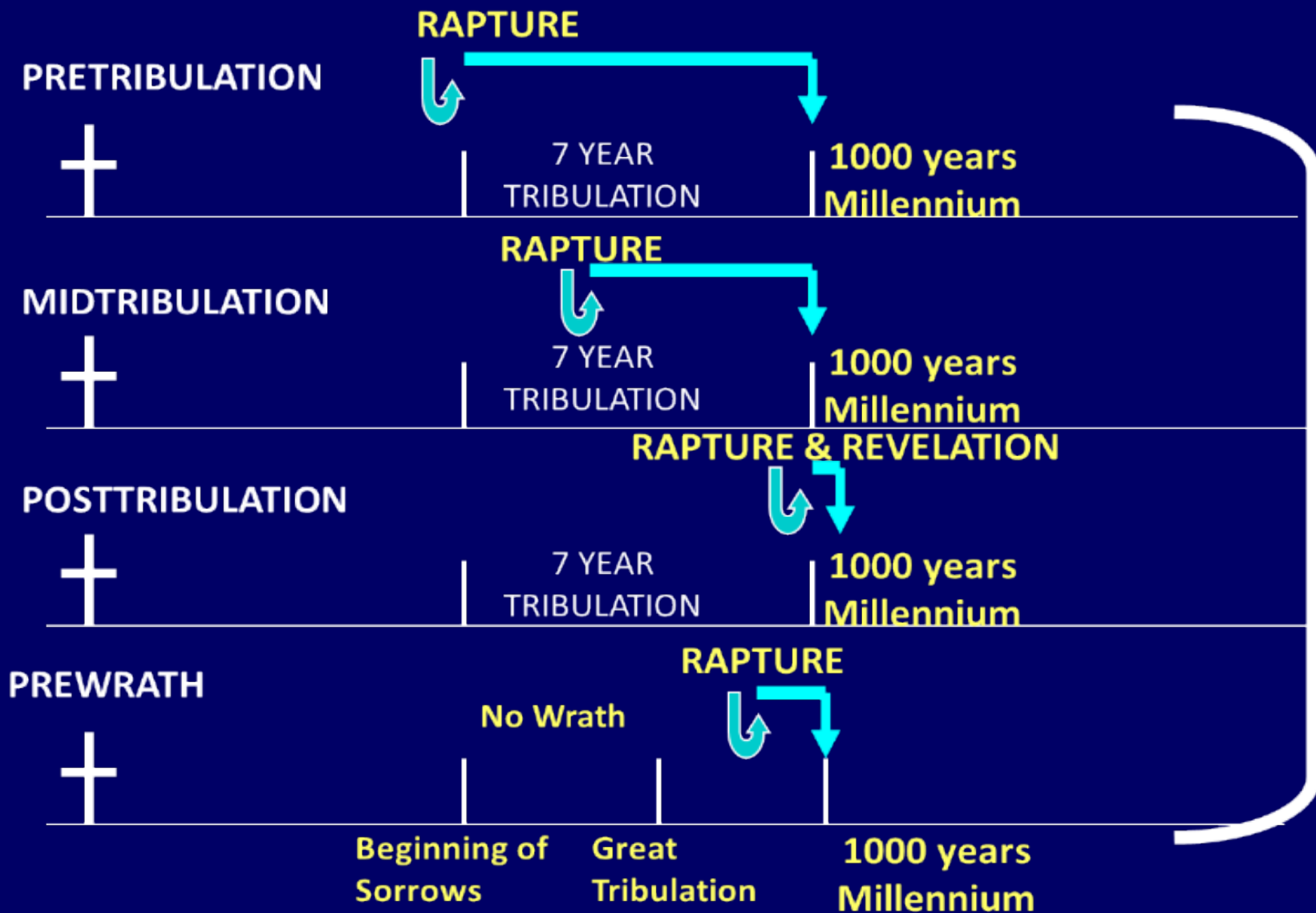


When Will the Rapture Take Place?

- Pre-tribulation Rapture Theory
- Mid-tribulation Rapture Theory
- Post-tribulation Rapture Theory
- Pre-wrath Rapture Theory
- Partial Rapture Theory



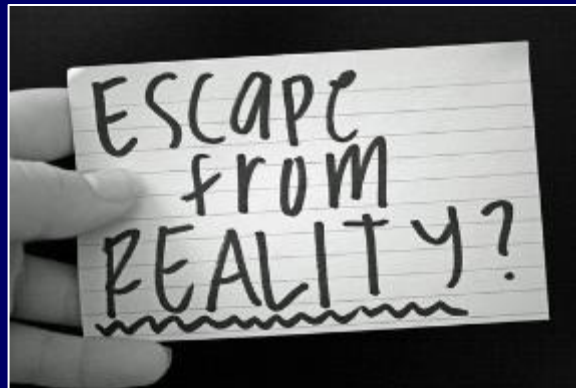
RAPTURE VIEW COMPARISON



Y-H-Z-R-H

Pretribulationism is not Escapism

- Trials (John 16:33)
- Man's wrath (2 Tim 3:12)
- Satan's wrath (Eph 6:11-12)
- World's wrath (John 15:18-19)



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“God has a way, a plan and a provision but you must know and understand it and I’m just ambitious enough to hope that you men are going to get out there and teach it. Don’t say it’s too big of a job to make the average audience understand; they have to understand if they are to walk as Christians.”

Galatians 3:3

“Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”



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“² The woman said to the serpent, ‘From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’”



Genesis 3:1, 4

“¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?” ...⁴ The serpent said to the woman, ‘You surely will not die!’”



2 Cor. 11:3

COMPLICATION OF THE SIMPLE

“But I fear, lest somehow, as the *serpent* deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted by from the *simplicity* that is in Christ.” (Italics mine)



Mark 7:13

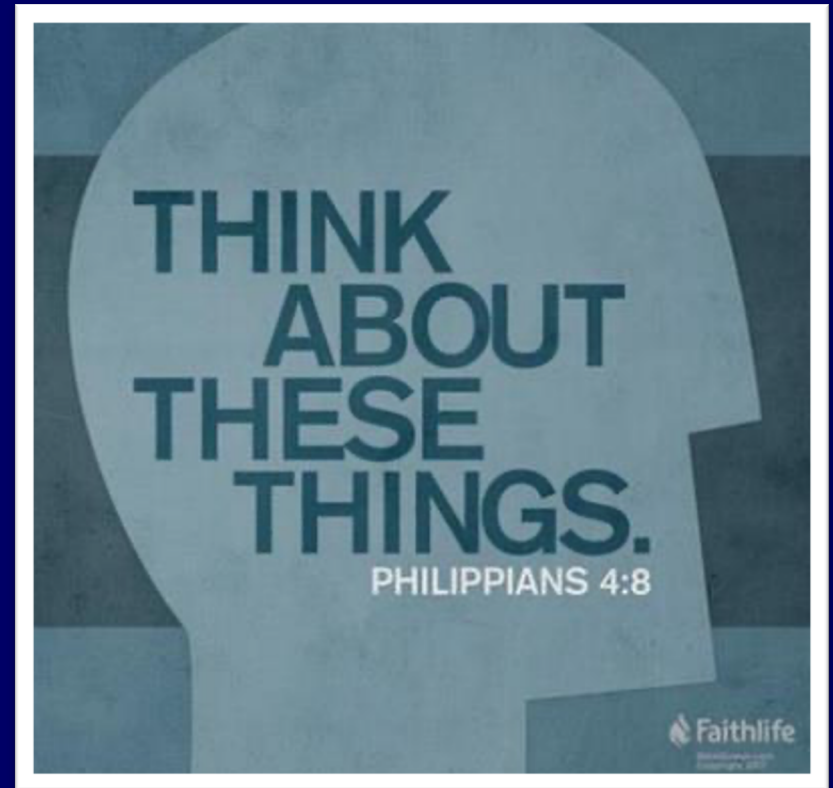
“thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.”



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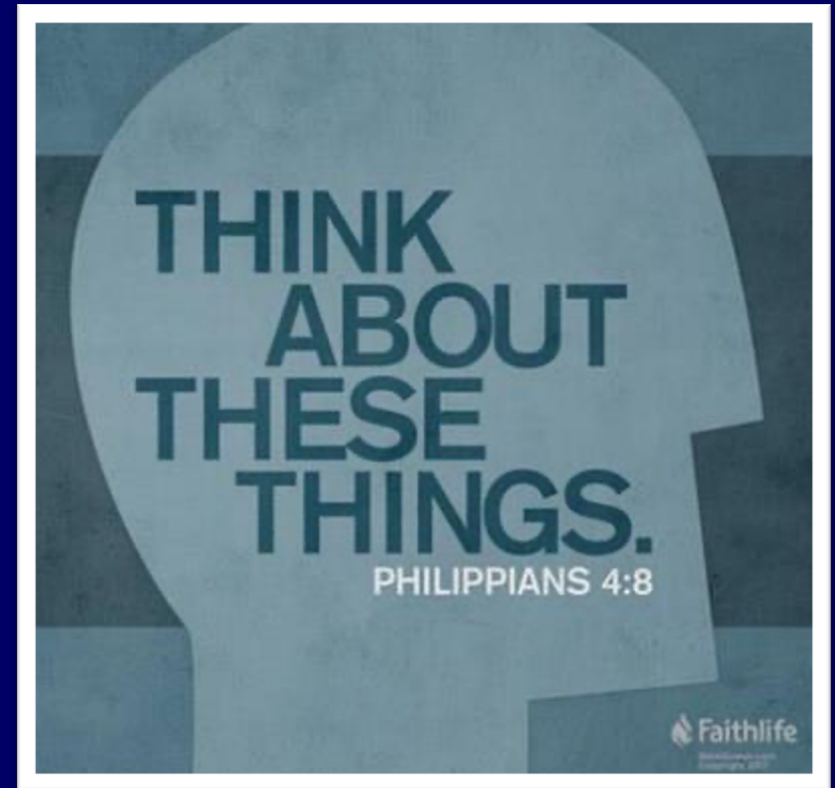
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Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.⁷ There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.



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