

Isaiah 9:2-7 (The Inclusive Bible)

2 The people walking in darkness
are seeing a brilliant light --
upon those who dwell in a land of deep shadows
light is shining!

3 God, you have made the nation greater--
you have brought them abundant joy!
they celebrate in your presence
as with the harvest celebrations,
or as warriors celebrate when dividing spoils.

4 For the yoke that burdened them,
the weight on their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressors,
you have shattered it,
as you did at the defeat of Midian.

5 For every boot that tramped in battle,
every cloak that was dragged through blood
is now used as fuel for the fire.

6 For a child is born to us, an heir is given us;
upon whose shoulders dominion will rest.
This One shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor, the Strength of God,
Eternal Protector, Champion of Peace.

7 This dominion and this peace
will grow without end,
with David's throne and realm,
sustained with justice and fairness,
now and forever.

The zeal of YHWH Omnipotent
will accomplish it!

Here ends the reading.

May God bless our hearing with understanding.