

THE LIGHT IS OUR HOPE IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.



You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.



For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.



Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.



See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.



Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.



"Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.



Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

