

Isaiah 9.6 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.

The Messiah is prophesied to be called “Mighty God” and “Eternal Father.” First of all, Trinitarians do not believe that Jesus is the Eternal Father; they believe he is the Eternal Son. So they too would argue that this name should not to be taken in a strict literal sense. Furthermore, there are many others who bore names that included the word God (Heb. *El* or *Yah*). Eliab means “My God Father”; Jehoram means “Yahweh Exalted”; Ithiel means “God with Me”; Isaiah means “Salvation of Yahweh.” Having a name doesn’t necessarily describe you it may describe your God. Also, it is possible to call a human being “God” if he represents God to the people. For example, Solomon (or whoever is in mind in Psalm 45) is called God (Ps 45.6-7). The judges of Israel are called Gods (Ps 82.6), a fact which Jesus played upon when he was accused of calling himself God (John 10.33-36). Jesus is called “Mighty God” because he represents the Mighty God. He is called “Eternal Father” because through him the Eternal Father discloses truth (John 14.10).