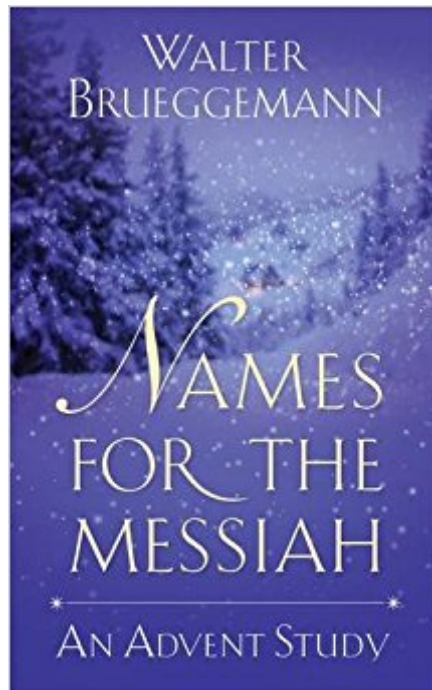


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# Names For The Messiah



## Synopsis

In Isaiah 9:6, a divine utterance is given to us using four royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Names for the Messiah ponders each title and how the people understood it then, how Jesus did or did not fulfill the title, and how Christians interpret Jesus as representative of that title. Christians have claimed from the beginning that Jesus was the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament. In this study, best-selling author Walter Brueggemann tackles the questions: What were these expectations? and Did Jesus fulfill them?

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Walter Brueggemann is William Marcellus McPheeters Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is the author of dozens of books, including *Sabbath as Resistance*; *Journey to the Common Good*; *Introduction to the Old Testament, Second Edition*; *Mandate to Difference*; and *From Whom No Secrets Are Hid*.

Brueggemann's short but thorough exegesis of one rich verse -- Isaiah 9:6 -- is a valuable Advent study resource, as well as a possible tool for a Christmas sermon series. He doesn't sentimentalize the implications of this verse, especially for Christian readers who often forget that it's primarily a Hebrew vision of a just monarch, which early followers of Jesus appropriated as an "anticipation" of the Messiah they worshiped. It's impressive that Brueggemann courageously explains that "Jesus

did not fit those anticipations very well, such that a good deal of interpretive imagination was required in order to negotiate the connection . . . with the actual bodily, historical reality of Jesus." This little book raises the big questions of today's society, and its real-politic, and its ethical shortcomings, as well as cutting through the smug assertions of "prophecy" enthusiasts. As a reader with a committed pacifist stance, I was intrigued that the author clearly speaks the language of how Jesus addresses social justice issues; Brueggemann is easily among those ushering in a new Reformation in Bible study, in my opinion!

A short study on the Names found in Isaiah 9:6. This is the sort of book at which Walter Brueggemann excels. Could be used as a small group 4 week study or for individual devotional reading. One of the strengths of Dr. Brueggemann's writing is he always respects the Old Testament as it was written and not just as a jumping point to talk about Jesus

This short Advent study (includes chapter questions for discussion) is a great introduction to the scholarship and clear writing of Walter Brueggeman, preeminent authority on Hebrew Scriptures. If this leads you to his other longer works, all the better.

Challenges common assumptions about the use of this passage in Isaiah. I'd add this to any thoughtful Christian's journey in Advent.

Wonderful work! I used it with several prayer groups to prepare for Christmas.

It's very clear and concise. it's great read for bible study.

Very useful for church reading groups

Not as informative as I had hoped.

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