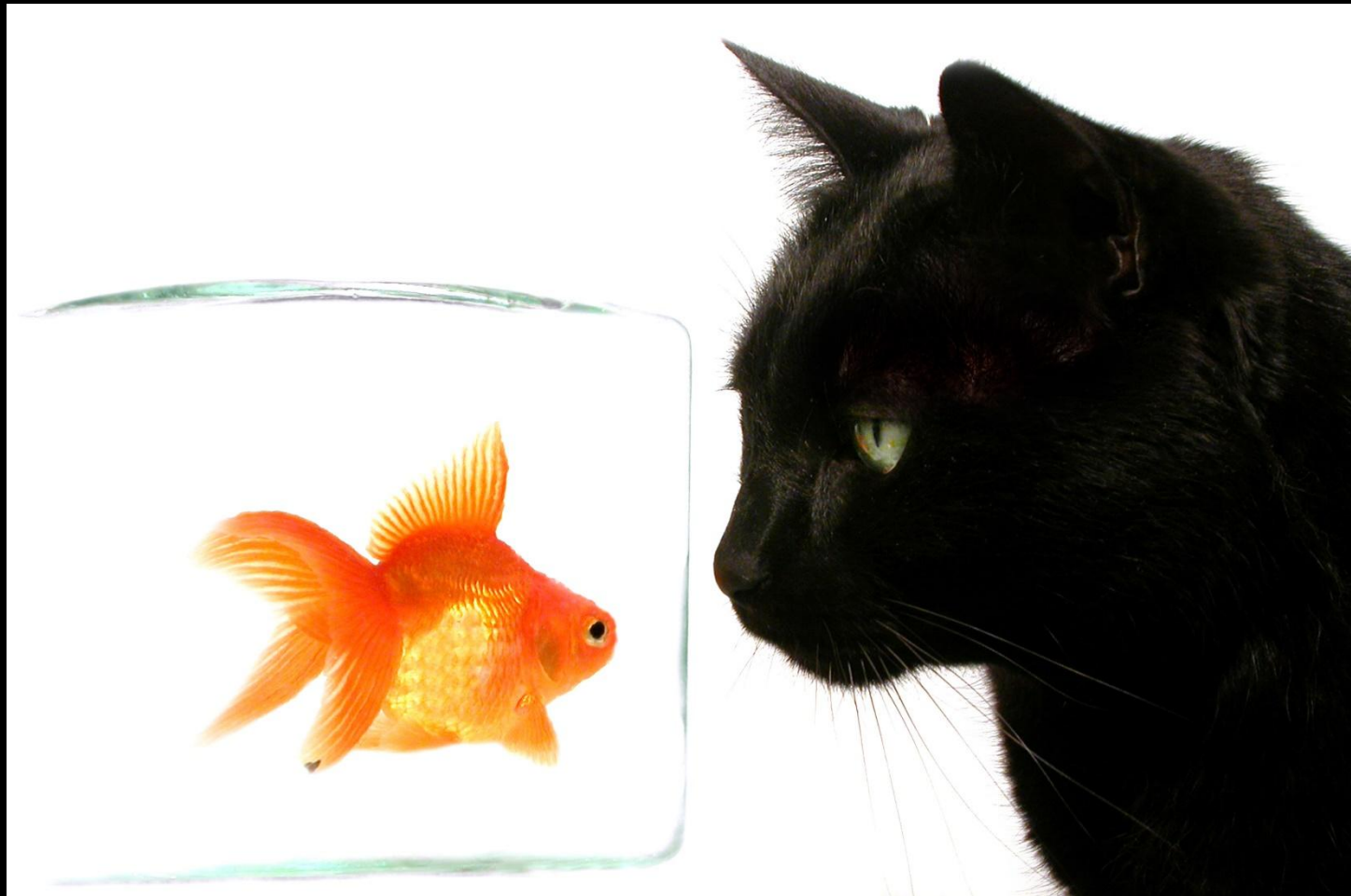


And so the wait goes on...

Isaiah 9:6

Mighty God and Everlasting Father



Never in the field of human conflict. was so much, owed by so many, to so few



Context of Isaiah 1-39

The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah [Azariah, II Kings 15:1-7], Jotham [II Kings 15:2-38], Ahaz [II Kings 16:1-20] and Hezekiah [II Kings 18:1-20:21], kings of Judah. (Isaiah 1:1)



Syro-Ephraimite War (735 BC)

II Kings 16:5-9

- Rezin = king of Aram [Syria]
- Pekah = king of Israel [Ephraim]
- Tiglath Pileser III = king of Assyria
- Ahaz = king of Judah



The people walking in darkness

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, along the Jordan

Isaiah 9:1



*This is why Ahaz and the people
needed to hear about this
child?*

Isaiah 9:6; see also Isaiah 7:14

Mighty God

- Creator (Genesis 1:1-2:4)
- Redeemer (Exodus 3:19; 13:3, 9, 14, 16; Deuteronomy 9:26)
- Judgement (Exodus 6:6; 7:14)
- Psalms celebrate and proclaim his might and his mighty acts (Psalms 50:1; 62:7; 71:16-18; 145:4)
- Even a pagan king recognises his might (Daniel 4:3)



Mighty God - NT

- God is the mighty God of the OT in the NT (Matthew 26:64; Luke 1:49-51)
- Apostles bear witness to his might (Acts 13:17)
- We have access to the power that raised Jesus from the dead (Ephesians 1:18-20)
- We can stand in his power (Ephesians 6:10)
- We should be humble in the light of his power (I Peter 5:6)





Our God is mighty to save

God as Father in OT

- God the Father of Israel (Deuteronomy 32:6 ; Isa 63:16; 64:8; Jeremiah 3:4, 19 ; 31:9 ; Mal 1:6; 2:10)
- God the Father of individuals (2 Sam 7:14; 1 Chronicles 17:13; 22:10; 28:6; Psalm 68:5; 89:26)
- Father imagery (Exodus 4:22-23; Deuteronomy 1:31; 8:5; 14:1; Psalm 103:13; Jeremiah 3:22; 31:20; Hosea 11:1-4; Mal 3:17).



God as Father in NT

THE Father and

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. Ephesians 3¹⁴⁻¹⁵

MY Father

- Abba – words used by children to their father
- Our Father cares



God is father of all

*God is father who will care for us
forever*



Matthew 4:12-17

Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. *This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:*

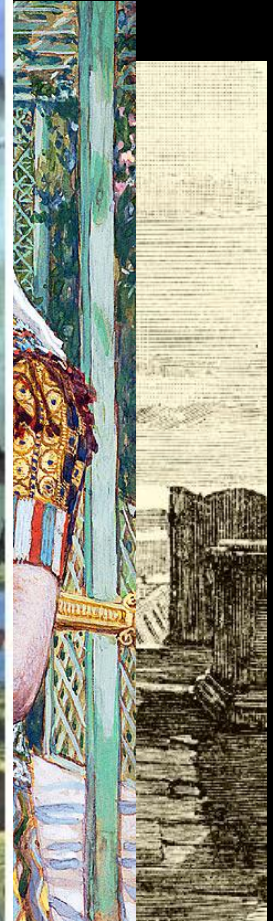
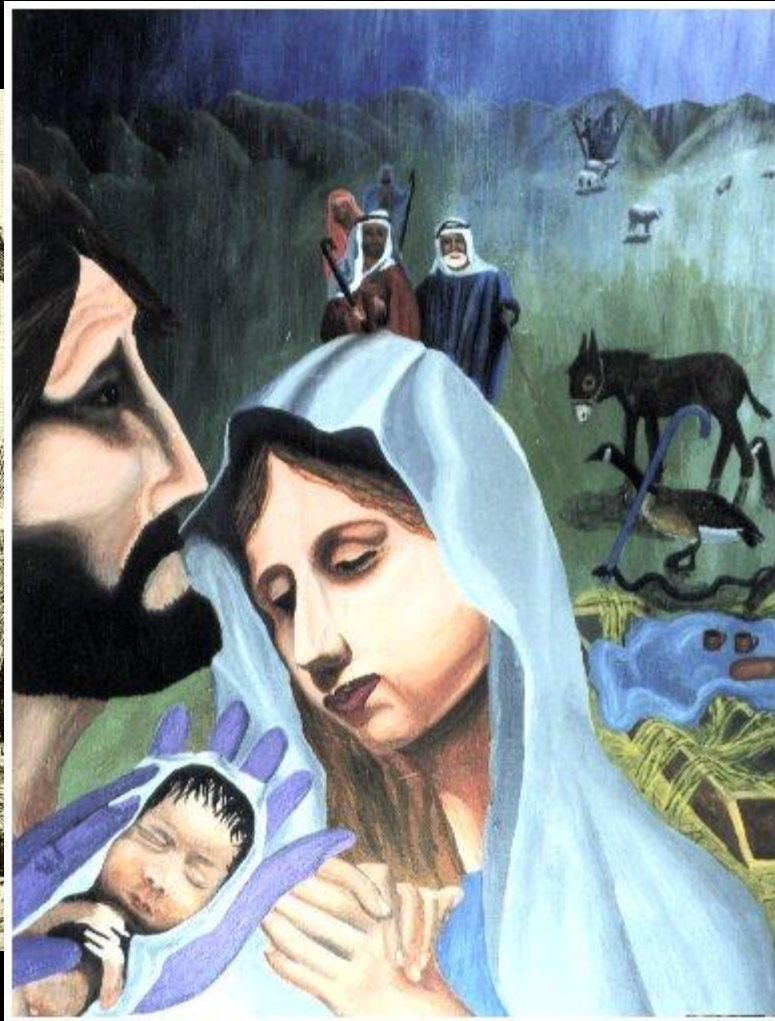
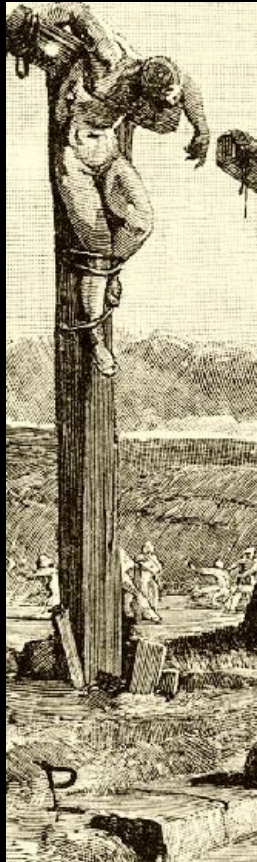
“THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI,
BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE
GENTILES—

“THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT,
AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF
DEATH,
UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”

From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Context of the Advent of Jesus Christ

- Rome
- Herod
- Census



How about our context?

- Brexit
- US Government
- Russia/Ukraine
- ISIS
- Refugees and Migrants
- Etc.

So?

- God powerful and is in control
- God is loving and will care for us
- We must trust and wait for the salvation of our Mighty God and Everlasting Father