

He Shall Be Called: Everlasting Father

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Isaiah 9:6 (written some 700 years before the birth of Christ)

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.

- He who possesses a thing is called the father of it.
- To be the Father of something is Epitomize something.
- To be the very Essence of something.

1. JESUS IS FATHER TO ALL

Ps 68:4-5

4 Sing to God, sing praise to his name, ... 5 **A father to the fatherless**, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

Hos 14:3

in you **the fatherless find compassion**.

2. JESUS' THRONE IS EVERLASTING (ETERNAL)

Isaiah is telling us that this coming Messiah is the Father of Eternity Itself.

He is the Alpha and Omega. The First and the Last.

His Kingdom shall Never End. He will Rule Forever and Ever.

Jesus is our Everlasting Father.

Rev 1:8 (Jesus appeared to John and said...)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty."

• JESUS WAS:

John 10:30 (Jesus said)

I and the Father are one.

John 14:9 (Jesus said)

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

Col 1:17

[Jesus] is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

• JESUS IS:

Rev 1:17-18

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. **I am the First and the Last**. 18 I am the Living one; I was dead, and behold **I am alive for ever and ever!** And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Matt 28:18-19

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

• JESUS IS TO COME:

Heb 13:5, 8

5 God has said, "**Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.**" 8 **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

John 14:18

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

1 Chron 16:34, 36

34 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; **his love endures forever.** 36 Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, **from everlasting to everlasting.**

CONCLUSION:

JESUS IS OUR EVERLASTING FATHER

- HE IS THE FIRST (WAS)
- HE IS THE LAST (IS TO COME)
- AND HE IS EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN (IS)

SO NOTHING IS OUTSIDE OF HIS INFLUENCE!

(EVERLASTING FATHER)

Heb 1:6-12

When God brings his firstborn into the world, **he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."** About the Son **he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever,** and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom." **He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

They will perish, but **you remain;** they will all wear out like a garment.

You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But **you remain the same**, and **your years will never end.**"