

Oh, the prophet was so startled, but instantly obeyed
The command of the Angel and in wonder Simeon read -
And this is what the writing on that majestic banner said:

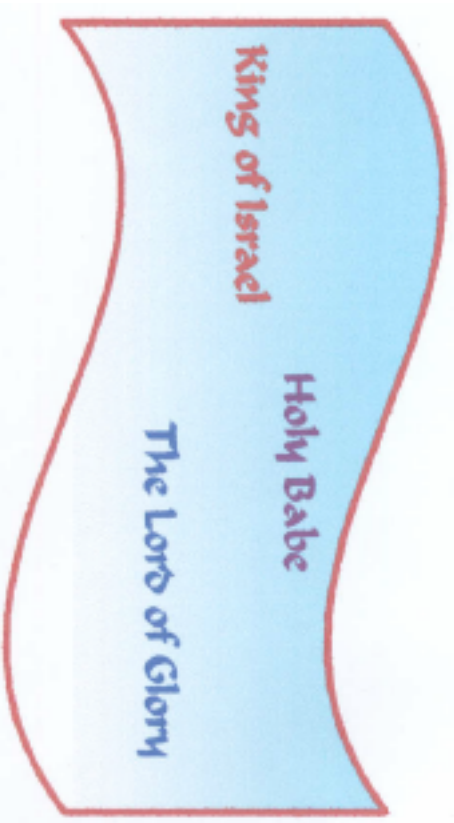
For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the
government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be
called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be
no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to
establish it and to uphold it with justice and with
righteousness even for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of
hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9: 6 - 7

'Read the Banner,' cried the Angel to Anna coming next,
And just like the aged Simeon, in great wonderment she read,
To continue what the message on that glorious Banner said:

'Seed of the woman, in humble stable born,
Son of God all cradled in straw,
In Bethlehem's manger - the Holy Babe,
The Lord of Glory worshipped with awe.'



'But what child is this,' questioned Simeon,
'Born King of Kings and Lord of lords;
With the light of God's favour shining upon -
His Only Begotten Son,
The Son of the Most High?

Yes! What Child is this, asked Anna,
Born King of Kings and Lord of lords,
God's Anointed One, the Messiah,
Named Emmanuel - for God is with us?'



'The only Saviour, Who will be called - Jesus,'
Came the Angel's swift reply;
'Yea! He is the Son of the Most High
And the Good Shepherd of the sheep,
He is the Prince of Peace to end all strife,
For this Child is the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

'Read the Banner,' cried the Angel,
'Read on, more and more.'
So they read the shining writing in that sacred place,
All those wondrous names of Jesus till Mary and Joseph came
Presenting the newborn Christ Child, full of glory and of grace.

