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Wonderful Counselor

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When: 732 B.C.

Why: Facing attack from Israel & Aram

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“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**,
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THE COUNSEL WE ALL NEED

Advisor

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

“A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him – the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of **counsel** and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD – and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.”

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Advocate

“We have an **advocate** with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

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1. Be honest.
2. Do the work.
3. Stick with it.

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