Isaiah

Lesson 5

Isaiah 9:1-7 No More Gloom

1. Circle the ancestral home of the tribes Zebulun and Naphtali on your map. Then read Matthew 4:12-17 to see how God fulfilled the prophecy to honor the region around Galilee (Isaiah 9:2).

- 2. The primary reference of Isaiah 9:4, 5 is to the destruction of the Assyrian and Babylonian powers. How can we apply these verses for believers today?
- "The enemy will be obliterated" (Isaiah 9:4, 5). That's what God promised. But how would he bring this about? Through a *child*. Really! Look at the four word pairs describing this child (Isaiah 9:6): Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Pick *one* word pair and jot down at least three ways in which Jesus fulfilled the description.

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

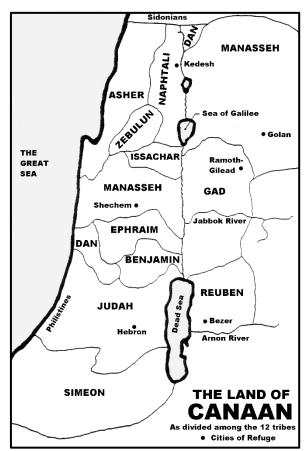
Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:8-10:4 A "High Five"

4. After a word of comfort, God now confronts the northern kingdom of Israel. He points out arrogance, false teaching, wickedness, and oppression. Isaiah repeats four times: "Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised" (Isaiah 9:12, 17, 21, 10:4).

How is that a frightening picture?

How is it a comforting one?



Isaiah 10:5-34 Assyria, An Arrogant Axe

5. Assyria was God's battle axe, but failed to acknowledge this fact and would suffer as a result. How does that truth confront *you*?

How does that truth comfort you?

Isaiah 11 New Beginnings

 Isaiah 11 demonstrates how God loves to illustrate spiritual realities. Find evidence in this chapter of... Jesus' humanity

Jesus' divinity

the worldwide spread of the gospel

the gospel's effect

the Trinity

Isaiah 12 Praise!

7. Isaiah 11 ends with a description of a new exodus—a symbolic picture of how nothing can stand in the way of God saving his people. After the first exodus Moses broke into a hymn of praise, and now Isaiah does too (Isaiah 12). Both hymns employ the line: "The Lord is my strength and my song..." Make this line your own by listing two ways in which God is your strength and your song.

strength (2 ways):

song (2 ways):

8. Isaiah said, "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). What are those wells?