

"The Light of Christmas" - Isaiah 9

Isaiah was called to be a prophet of God in about **740 BC**. God revealed to him many important future events, including the most amazing truth anyone could ever understand. We read about it today.

1. About 18 years after Isaiah began his ministry (**722 BC**) the lands of Zebulon and Naphtali would suffer the judgment of God ("**contempt**") with the _____. **V.1**
2. Later their days of gloom would be over, and they would become known as _____ places. **V.1**
 - A. It would center around the _____.
 - B. Zebulon had within its borders a small town called _____.
 - C. _____ (Naphtali) became the 3 year headquarters of JESUS.
3. GOD's Promise is that the people who _____ in _____, would _____ a great light. **V.2** This Great Light would be:
 - A. A _____ would be born to them. **V.6** **Isaiah 7:14**
 - B. A _____ (of the Most High God) would be given. **Luke 1:32**
4. About _____ years later the Jews revolted against their Syrian conquerors and retook Jerusalem and the Temple (**165 BC**). They moved quickly to _____ the Temple, but only had enough oil to keep the menorah burning for one day. The Jews from then on celebrated the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days calling it _____. ("Festival of Lights")
5. The Lord JESUS stood in the same Temple complex about 195 years later (**29 AD**) and stated: _____.
John 10:22-23 **John 8:12, 9:5, 12:46**

Application for Today:

1. GOD is _____, and in Him there is no darkness at all. **1 John 1:5**
2. Men _____ the darkness rather than the light because their deeds are _____. **John 3:19-20**
3. We have been called _____ into His marvelous light. **1 Peter 2:9, Col. 1:13-14**
4. Believers are called _____. **1 Thess. 5:5, Col. 1:13**
5. Light and Darkness do not _____. **2 Cor. 6:14**
Therefore we are commanded to _____ in the Light. **1 John 1:7**
6. When people receive Jesus Christ as their Savior, the Light comes _____ them, and they _____ the Light of the World. **Matthew 5:14**
7. As Children of Light we are told to let our Light _____ before men in such a way that people will _____ our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. **Matthew 5:16**