

Isaiah Week 13

ISAIAH

THE FIFTH GOSPEL



Isaiah 9: 1 (NIV)

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Question

What does the opening word
Nevertheless (in spite of what
was previously said) tell us?

The Assyrian Empire had defeated Israel in the north and now controls much of its territory. In this chapter Isaiah speaks hope to Judah in the south. Living in a nation turning from God, all is not hopeless— the Lord has a plan.

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Question

Where is the land of Zebulun
and Naphtali?



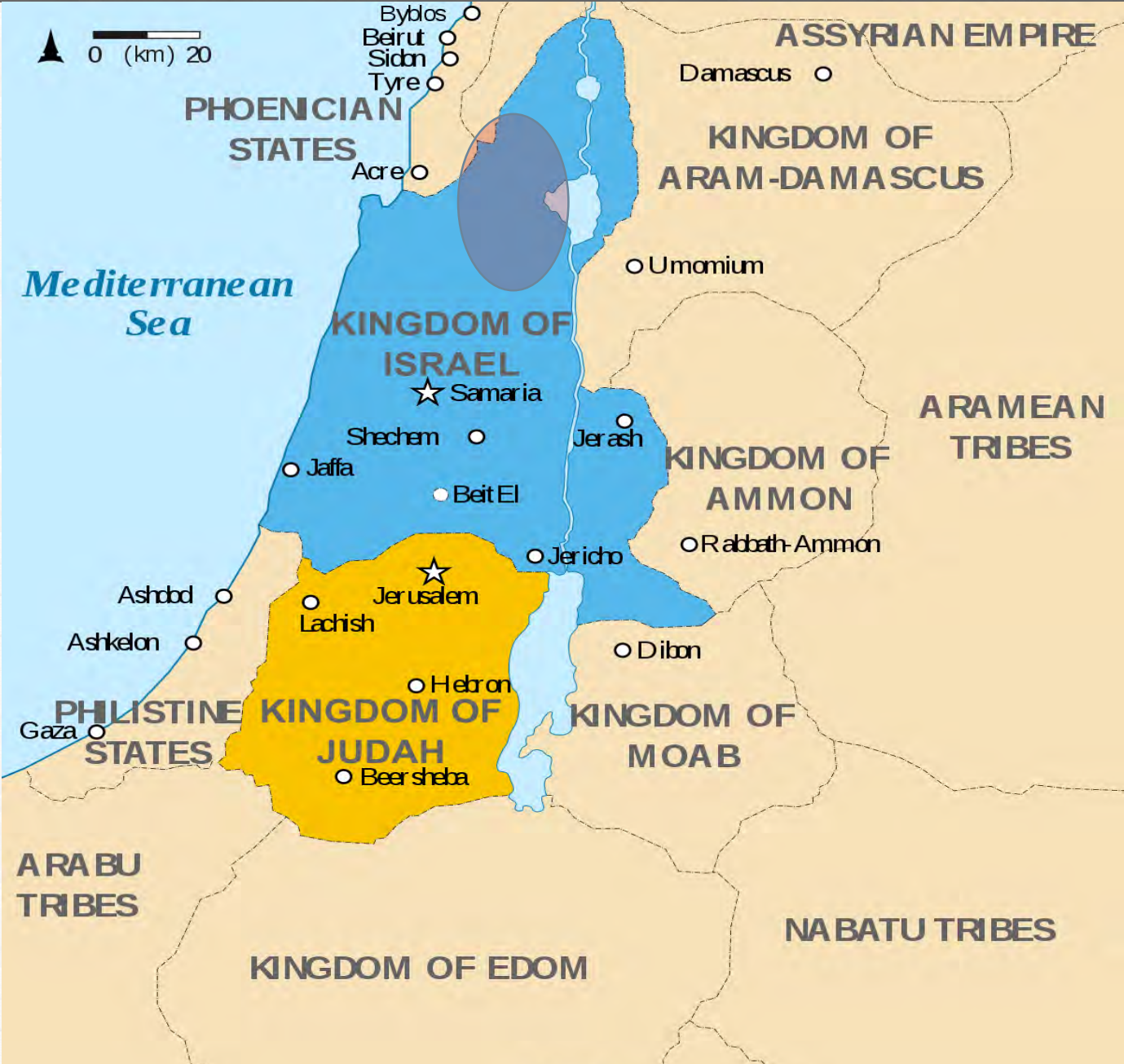


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Map of Ancient Galilee



Question

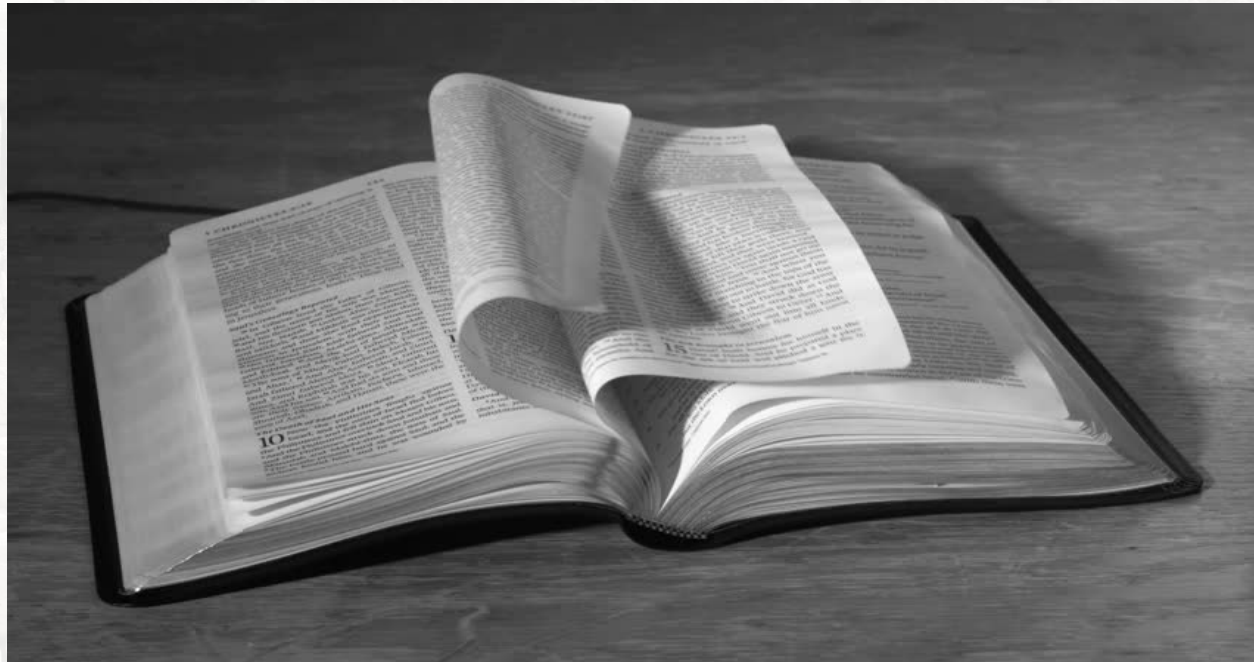
How do the Jews feel about
Galilee ?

Question

What is Nazareth known for?

Please turn to:

Luke 2: 1-5



Luke 2: 1-5 (NIV)

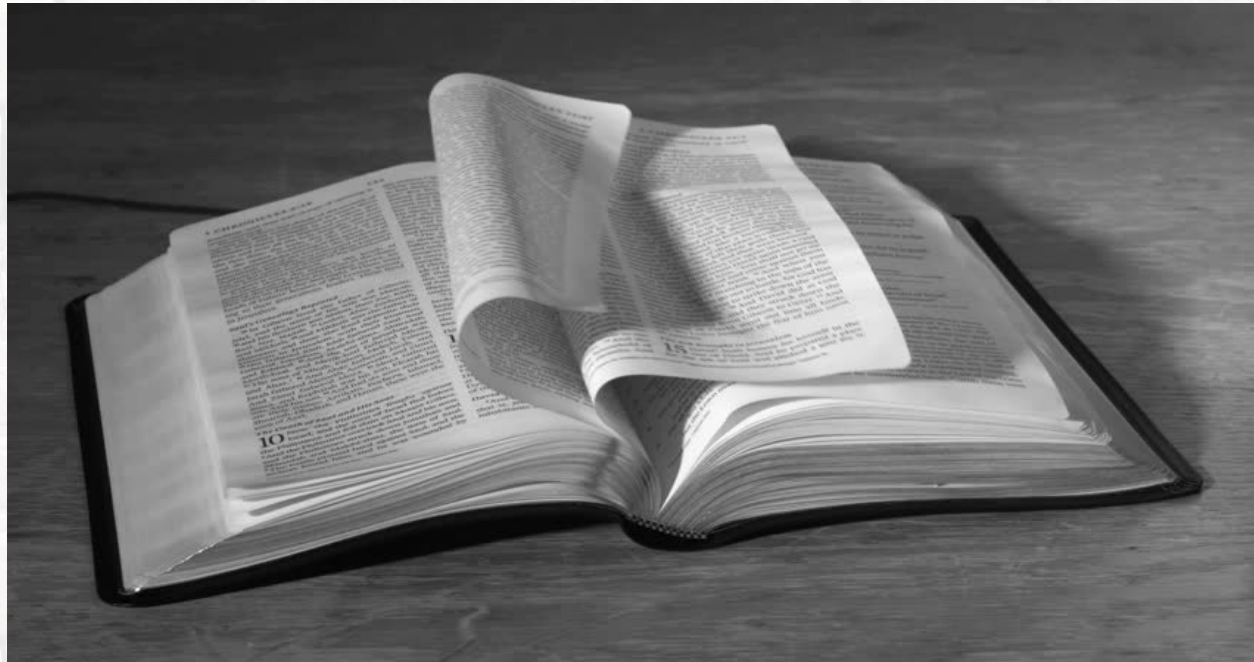
In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

Luke 2: 1-5 (NIV)

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to

Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

Please turn to:
Matthew 2: 19-23



Matthew 2: 19-23 (NIV)

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

Matthew 2: 19-23 (NIV)

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,

Matthew 2: 19-23 (NIV)

and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Question

Why is it important that Jesus grew up in the city of Nazareth in Galilee?

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Question

Who is Isaiah prophesying about
in Isaiah 9:1?

Isaiah 9: 2 (NIV)

The people walking in darkness

have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of
deep darkness

a light has dawned.

Question

Who are the people walking in
darkness?

Question

Where is the land of deep
darkness?

Question

In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, what is the good news for this land?

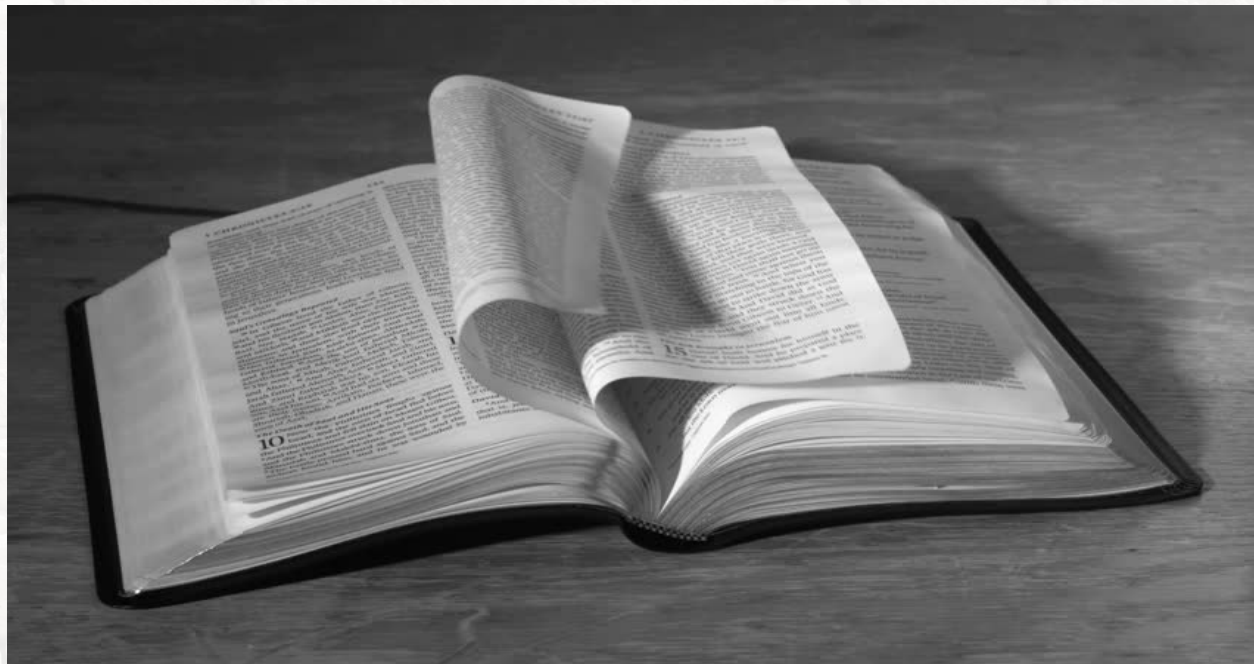
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Please turn to:
Matthew 4: 12-16



Matthew 4: 12-16 (NIV)

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

Matthew 4: 12-16 (NIV)

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people living in darkness have seen a great light on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

Isaiah 9: 3 (NIV)

You have enlarged the nation

and increased their joy;

they rejoice before you

as people rejoice at the harvest,

as warriors rejoice

when dividing the plunder.

Isaiah 9: 4 (NIV)

*For as in the day of Midian's
defeat,*

you have shattered

the yoke that burdens them,

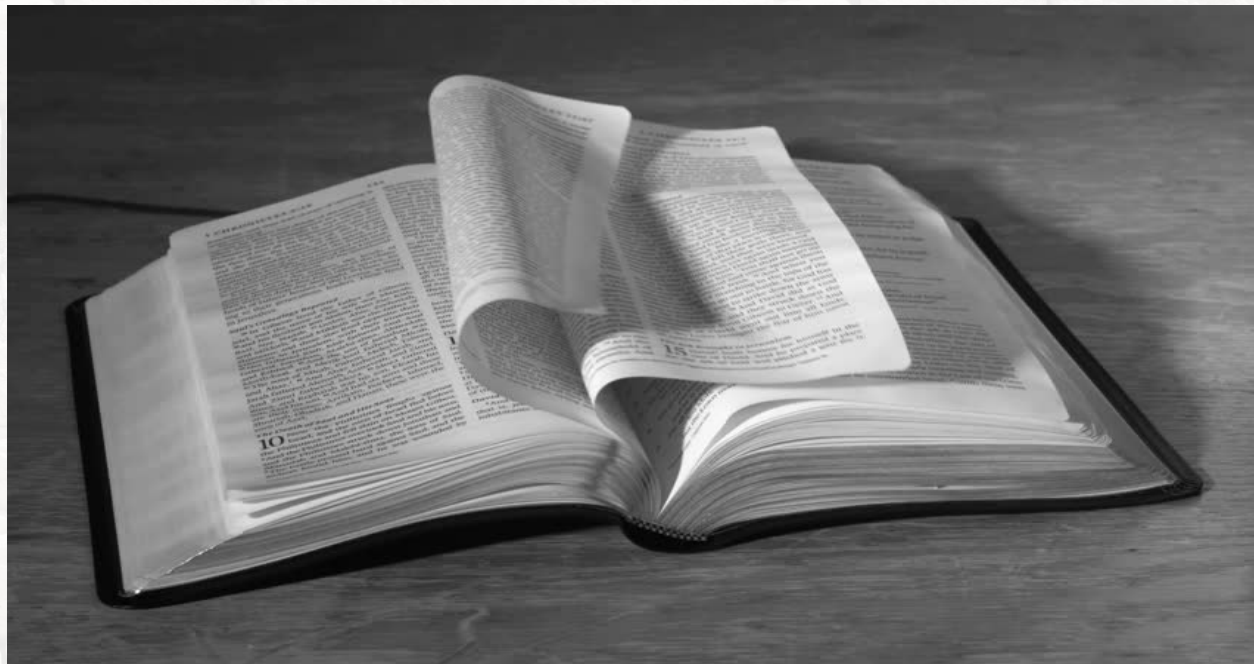
the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor.

Question

What is the story of Midian's defeat?

Please turn to:
Judges 7: 1-2



Judges 7: 1-2 (NIV)

Early in the morning, Jerub-Baal (that is, Gideon) and all his men camped at the spring of Harod. The camp of Midian was north of them in the valley near the hill of Moreh.

Judges 7: 1-2 (NIV)

The Lord said to Gideon, “You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, ‘My own strength has saved me.’”

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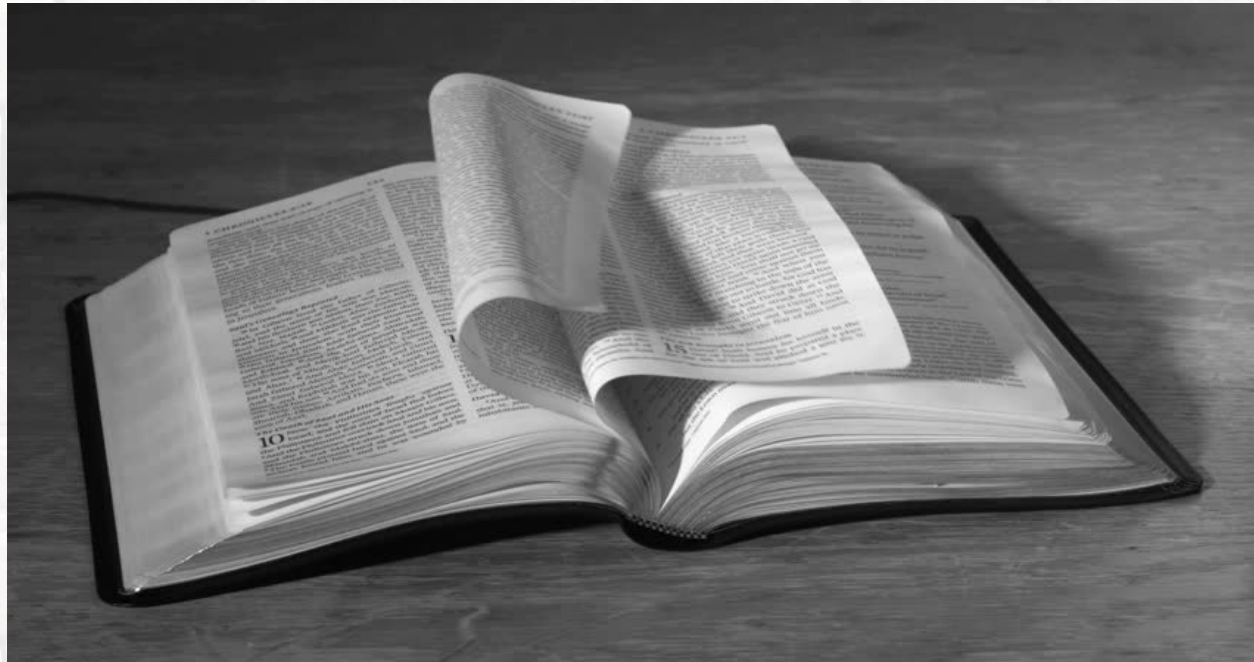
Isaiah 9: 5 (NIV)

*Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.*

Question

What period of time are these last couple of verses talking about?

Please turn to:
Matthew 24: 6-7



Matthew 24: 6-7 (NIV)

You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

Matthew 24: 6-7 (NIV)

Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.

This next verse in Isaiah is one familiar to all during the Christmas season.

Isaiah 9: 6 (NIV)

*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.*

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The ancient rabbis understood this to mean that when the Messiah comes He will carry the burden and cares of the world upon His shoulders like a shepherd carries a wounded lamb.

These words are not understood correctly by the Jews as they are expecting a political leader.

*For unto us a child is born, unto us
a son is given-Prophecy of First
coming of Christ*

*and the government will be on his
shoulders- Prophecy of Second
coming of Christ*

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Isaiah 9: 6 (KJV)

*For unto us a child is born, unto us
a son is given: and the government
shall be upon his shoulder: and his
name shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God, The
everlasting Father, The Prince of
Peace.*

Wonderful-Pele'

Definition:

wonder, marvel

wonder (extraordinary, hard to understand thing)

wonder (of God's acts of judgment and redemption)

Counselor-yaats

Definition:

to advise, counsel

The Mighty God-’êl gib·bō·wr

Definition:

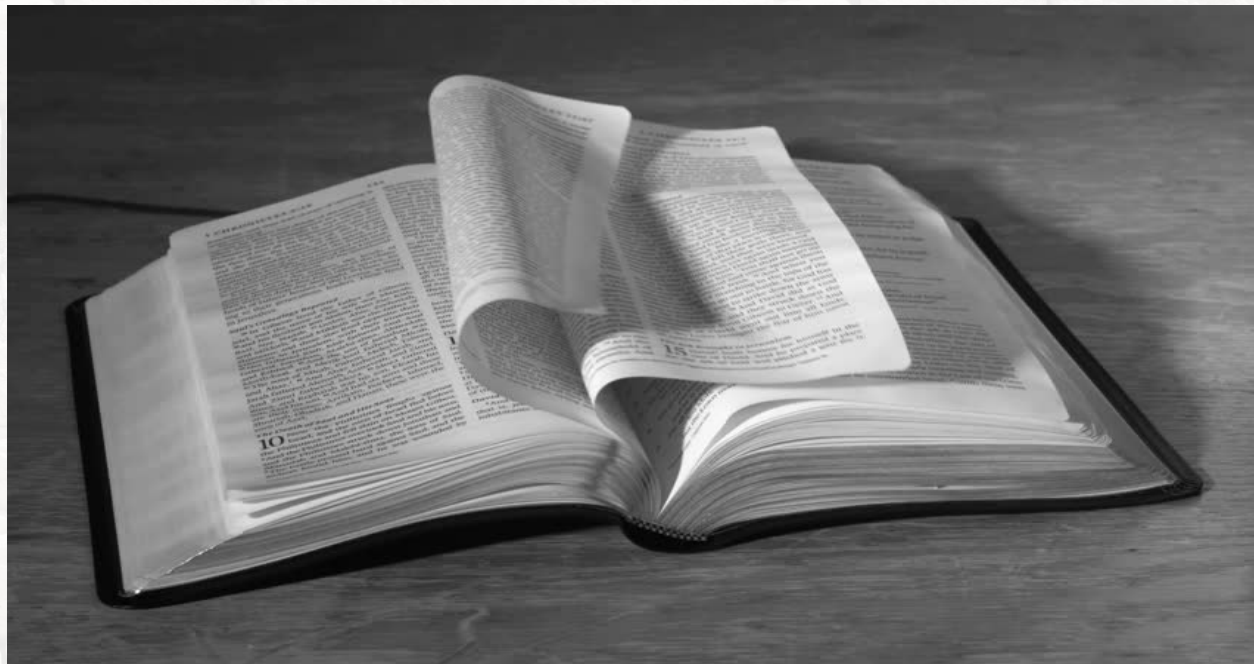
Jesus is God

Everlasting Father-’ă·bî·‘ad

Definition:

Forever Father

Please turn to:
Matthew 23: 9



Matthew 23: 9 (NIV)

And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven.

Everlasting Father-’ă·bî·‘ad

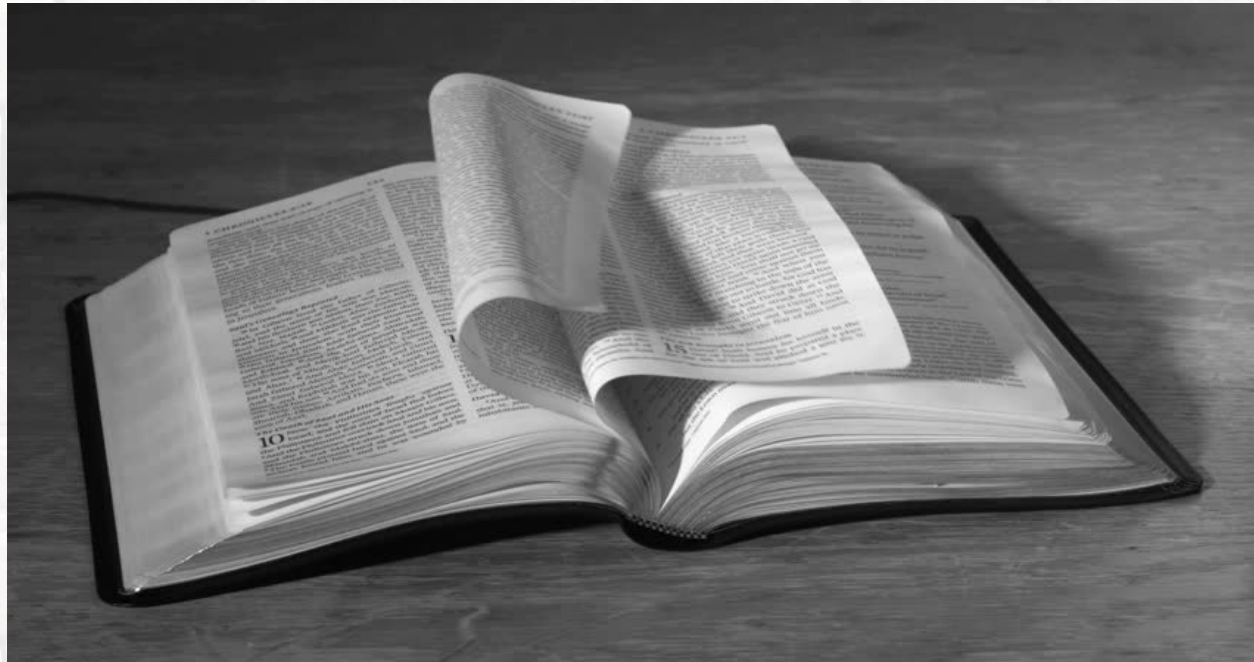
Definition:
Forever God

The Prince of Peace śar-šā·lō·wm

Definition:

chieftain, chief, ruler, official,
captain, prince

Please turn to:
Colossians 1: 20



Colossians 1: 20 (NIV)

and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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a son is given: and the government
shall be upon his shoulder: and his
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everlasting Father, The Prince of
Peace.*

Isaiah 9: 7 (NIV)

*Of the greatness of his government
and peace there will be no end.*

He will reign on David's throne
*and over his kingdom, establishing
and upholding it with justice and
righteousness from that time on and
forever. The zeal of the Lord
Almighty will accomplish this.*

Isaiah 9: 8 (NIV)

*The Lord has sent a message against
Jacob;
it will fall on Israel.*

Note: Isaiah has jumped back to his time and God's judgement on the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Isaiah 9: 9 (NIV)

All the people will know it –

*Ephraim and the inhabitants of
Samaria –*

*who say with pride and
arrogance of heart,*

Isaiah 9: 10 (NIV)

*“The bricks have fallen down,
but we will rebuild with dressed
stone;*

the fig trees have been felled,

*but we will replace them with
cedars.”*

Question

What has happened to the
Northern Kingdom of Israel?

Isaiah 9: 10 (NIV)

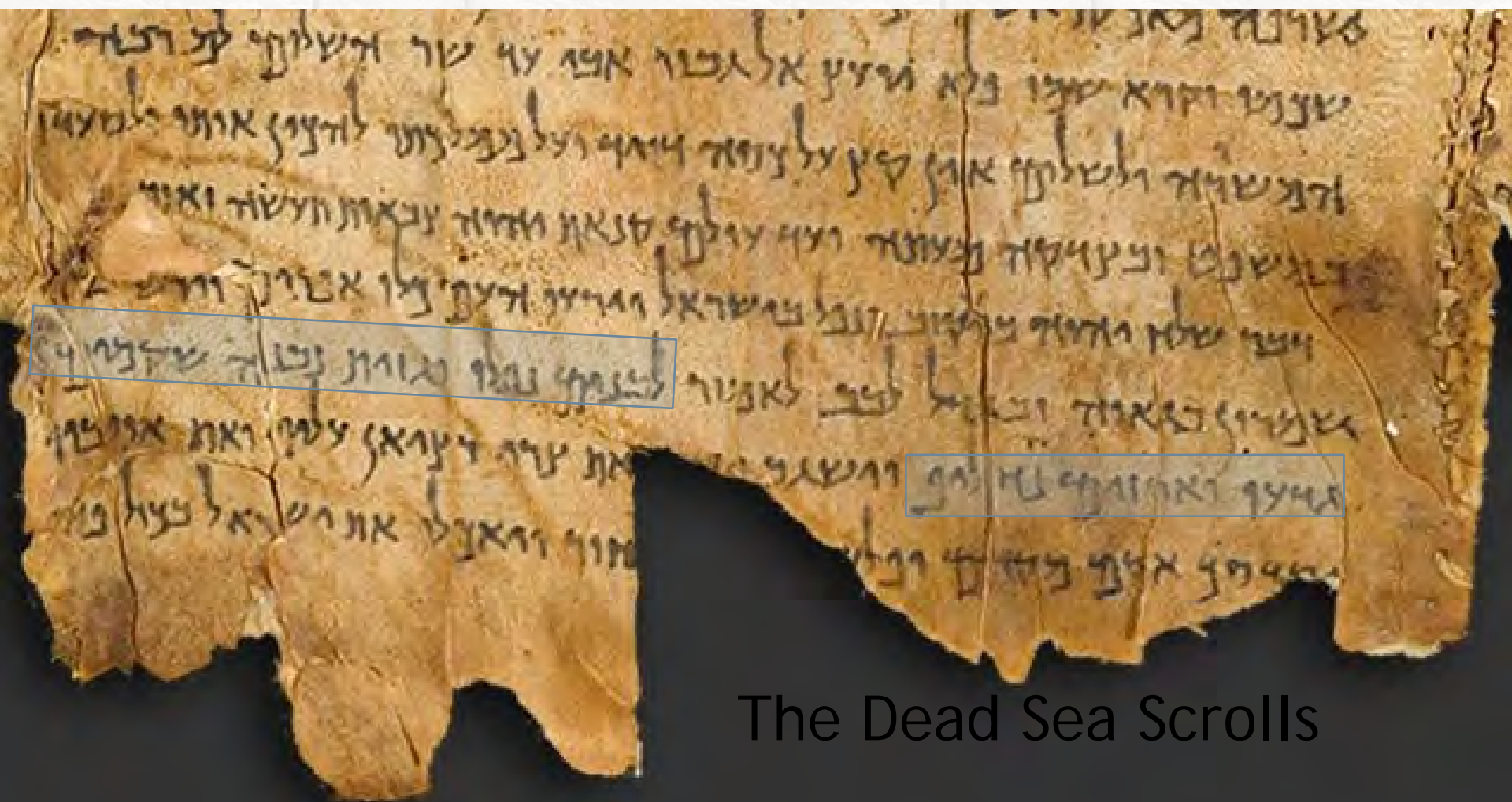
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Question

Why has the Northern Kingdom
fallen underneath the Wrath of
God?

לבנים נפלו וגזית נבנה שקמים גדעו וארזים נחליף:



The Dead Sea Scrolls

לבנים נפלו וגזית נבנה שקמים גדעו וארזים נחליף:

לבנים (lə-bê-nîm) The bricks

נפלו (nā-pā-lū) have fallen

וגזית (wə-ġā-zîṭ) but with hewn stones

נבנה (nib-neh) we will rebuild

שקמים (šiq-mîm) The sycamores

גדעו (gud-dā-'ū) Have been cut down

וארזים (wa-'ă-rā-zîm) but into Cedars

נחליף (na-ḥă-lîp̄.) we will change.

Questions

*“The bricks have fallen down,
but we will rebuild with dressed
stone;
the fig trees have been felled,
but we will replace them with
cedars.”*

- Who is making the statement above?

Isaiah 9: 9 (NIV)

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of Samaria –
who say with pride and
arrogance of heart,*

Questions

*“The bricks have fallen down,
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stone;
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cedars.”*

- What is the statement regarding?

Questions

*“The bricks have fallen down,
but we will rebuild with
dressed stone;
the fig trees have been felled,
but we will replace them with
cedars.”*

- Who was the statement directed to?

Questions

*“The bricks have fallen down,
but we will rebuild with
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- What was the statement an example of?

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- What is the purpose of God's wrath on a nation?

Questions

*“The bricks have fallen down,
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stone;
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cedars.”*

➤ What does God think of this arrogant and prideful statement made by a nation under His wrath?

Isaiah 9: 11 (NIV)

*But the Lord has strengthened
Rezin's foes against them
and has spurred their enemies on.*

Video

Another nation has recently
made this prideful and
arrogant statement.

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When God Judges a Nation

The turning away from God by the nation of Israel began with spiritual complacency then spiritual confusion then the merging of God with idols then ultimately the rejection of God and his ways.

When God Judges a Nation

Middle of twentieth century our nation began removing God by abolished prayer and scripture in public schools, the ten commandments etc. We have merged God with idols of science and evolution and are now suffering spiritual confusion. As a result our nation is rejecting God and His Truths.

Isaiah 9: 12 (NIV)

*Arameans from the east and
Philistines from the west*

*have devoured Israel with open
mouth.*

*Yet for all this, his anger is not
turned away,*

his hand is still upraised.

Question

Why does it mean the God's
hand is still upraised?

Isaiah 9: 13 (NIV)

*But the people have not returned
to him who struck them,*
*nor have they sought the Lord
Almighty.*

Isaiah 9: 14-15 (NIV)

So the Lord will cut off from Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day; the elders and dignitaries are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail.

Question

Who are the elders and dignitaries today?

Question

Who are the prophets that teach
lies today?

Isaiah 9: 16 (NIV)

*Those who guide this people mislead
them,
and those who are guided are led
astray.*

Questions

Part of God's wrath is allowing the nation to be lead down the wrong path by both the government and false teachers.

Do we see that today?

What are some examples?

Isaiah 9: 17 (NIV)

Therefore the Lord will take no pleasure in the young men, nor will he pity the fatherless and widows, for everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly.

Questions

Do we see the mouths of people
speaking folly today?

Isaiah 9: 18 (NIV)

*Surely wickedness burns like a
fire;*

*it consumes briars and thorns,
it sets the forest thickets ablaze,
so that it rolls upward in a
column of smoke.*

Question

Do we see wickedness spreading
like a fire today?

Isaiah 9: 19 (NIV)

By the wrath of the Lord Almighty

the land will be scorched

*and the people will be fuel for the
fire;*

*they will not spare one
another.*

Isaiah 9: 20 (NIV)

*On the right they will devour,
but still be hungry;
on the left they will eat,
but not be satisfied.*

*Each will feed on the flesh of their
own offspring.*

Question

Why does sin not satisfy?

Isaiah 9: 20 (NIV)

*Manasseh will feed on Ephraim,
and Ephraim on Manasseh; together
they will turn against Judah.*

*Yet for all this, his anger is not
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