

"Who is Your Ruler?"

1. What will be part of making the land of Zebulun and Naphtali (v.1-2) glorious (NASB) or honored (NIV) (Matt. 4:14-17, Luke 1:79-80)? How did God shine His great light on them? How does He do that for us today?
2. What will cause the Jewish nation to be multiplied (or enlarged) and rejoice (v. 3-4)? What relief from oppression happened at Midian (Judges 7:8-22)? When will the warrior garb no longer be needed (v.5)?
3. When did/will these things happen (v. 6-7)? Which title or action of the Christ is your favorite?
4. What judgment from the Lord is coming on Israel, the northern kingdom, in verses 8-12? Why does the Lord dislike the statement of the kingdom in verse 10?
5. Will these judgments be enough to quench God's anger (v. 12)? Why not? Why is this phrase repeated four times (v. 12, 17, 21, 10:4)?
6. How does verse 13 help explain why God's anger is not quenched? What warning is there to religious leaders in verses 14-17? What warning is there to us in verse 17?
7. How does "wickedness burn like a fire" (v. 18)? Is the fire brought on by wickedness or the fury or wrath of the Lord (v. 19)?
8. Do verses 20-21 refer to cannibalism? If not, then what? How do we see examples of this today?
9. Why does God put so much emphasis on the plight of the needy, poor, widows, and orphans or fatherless (10:1-2)? What is the consequence of mistreating these people (10:3-4)? Is there any recourse to escape God's anger?