

## THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS

Isaiah 8:19-9:7

Key Verse: 9:6

**“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.”**

1. What was the spiritual condition of the people at that time (8:19)? Why did people consult mediums and spiritists instead of the word of God (20)? Do you see this tendency in our times? What was the result (21-22)?
2. How did Isaiah’s tone change (9:1)? What hope did he see for people who were gloomy and in distress (1b-2)? How did God honor Galilee of the nations (Mt 4:15-16)? Why is Jesus hope for gloomy and distressed people?
3. What was God going to do for the nation (3-5)? How does God’s deliverance from Midian allude to God’s work of salvation (4; Jdg 7:22-25)? How does Jesus bring us joy, freedom and peace (Lk 4:18-19)?
4. Read verse 6. What promise was given and how did God fulfill it? What does it mean that the government will be on his shoulders? How is his government different from worldly governments (6b)? What do Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace mean (11:2; Mk 4:39,41; Mk 2:5; Eph 2:14)?
5. What are the characteristics of his reign (7a)? How will all this be accomplished (7b)?