- Are accessed by ______ in His Word (Rom. 15:13).
- <u>Question 1</u>: Have you received these blessings by receiving Christ?
- <u>Question 2</u>: If you are a believer, are you enjoying these three present blessings daily by _____ in God's Word?
- <u>Lesson</u>: Because of Christmas, Jesus gives joy, victory, and peace to His people.

A CHILD IS BORN, PART 2

Sunday AM, December 17, 2017

- <u>Text</u>: Isaiah 9:3-7
- I. THE FUTURE _____ OF ISRAEL (VS. 3)
- The nations of world will march under ______ against the land of Israel from all across globe.
- The sorrow of God's people will be transformed into great joy when _____ comes again.
- At the darkest moment, He will open a direct portal to heaven, descend to earth, fight for His people, and turn the tide of the battle (Rev. 19:11-16; Matt. 24:27, Rev. 1:7).
- II. THE FUTURE ______ OF ISRAEL (VS. 4-5)
- The armies of Antichrist will be stretched across the land of Israel from ______ in north to Bozrah in the south.
- As they are plundering Jerusalem, the Lord Jesus will descend to the Mount of ______ (Zech. 14:2-4, Mal. 3:1-2).
- He will give supernatural strength to Israel so that the weakest soldiers fight like ______ against Goliath (Zech. 12:6, 8-9).
- He will smite the enemy armies in Jerusalem with a flesh-______ disease (Zech. 14:12).
- He will single-handedly slay the enemy armies still lined up from Armageddon to Bozrah with the power of His ______(Joel 3:12-14, Isa. 34:6, 63:1-3; Ps.

110:5-6, Rev. 14:20).

 <u>Application</u>: Although it's a great tragedy that so many will die fighting against God, the far greater tragedy is that so many more will die ______ in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14-15).

- You need to know that you're saved!
- He will cast the Antichrist and false prophet ______ into the lake of fire; and He will bind Satan in the bottomless pit for one thousand years (Rev. 19:19-21).
- This great victory is compared to Gideon's victory over _____ (vs. 4). Four points of comparison:
 - The ______ of victory = the Valley of Jezreel or Armageddon (Rev. 16:16, Hos. 1:11)
 - The **speed** of victory = in a single day
 - The manner of victory = a few will overcome
 _____ odds
 - The **thoroughness** of victory = complete destruction of the enemy leaders and their armies
- III. THE FUTURE _____ OF ISRAEL (VS. 6-7)
- When will there be true "peace on earth" (Lk. 2:14)?
- The ultimate fulfillment of promise is still in the future, but it was made possible through arrival of a Savior at Christmas.
- After defeating His enemies, the Lord Jesus will set up world
 ______ and usher in one thousand years of
 world peace.
 - He will miraculously repair the damage done to the earth's ecosystems during the _____.
 - He will reshape Israel into a paradise with a new and improved ______ as its capital.
 - He will make Israel the leading ______ of the globe.
 - He will rule over the whole earth, aided by an administration of glorified saints.

- He will partially roll back the ______.
- He will restore the original _____ of human lifespan.
- $\circ~$ After the thousand years are finished, He will bring in the new creation.

APPLICATION

- Those who receive Christ and belong to Christ enjoy these same blessings right now through the ______ of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Rom. 14:17).
 - **1. Present Joy** (Ps. 4:7, 16:11)
 - The greatest possible joy is found in a close personal ______ with Christ.
 - If you want greater joy, _____ in the Savior (John 15:11).
 - 2. Present Victory (Ps. 34:19)
 - The Christian life is not characterized by the <u>absence</u> of afflictions but by ______ from afflictions.
 - Application: It's not God's plan for a believer to live in
 - As children of God, we are being given victory (1 Cor. 15:57).
 - **3. Present Peace** (Jn. 14:27, Philip. 4:7)
- All three of these present blessings:
 - Come to us through God's _____.