

be for burning, for fuel of fire." Everything employed in war shall be destroyed, so completely shall the reign of the Prince of Peace be established (Isa. 2: 4; 11: 6, 7; Ps. 46: 9; Ezek. 39: 9; Mic. 5: 5, 10; Zech. 9: 9, 10). The meaning of the verse as we have it in our Bibles is "Every human victory involves conquest, din and bloodshed, but the victory of Christ shall be like that over Midian, by God's power alone and fire from heaven" (2 Thess. 1: 7, 8; Mal. 4: 1.)

II. A ROYAL BIRTH. **Q. Unto us a child is born**—The prince who was to lead the armies of Judah to victory, was so feeble a type of the Babe of Bethlehem that he has been forgotten, and we rightly think only of Jesus as we read these verses and ch. 7: 14. (Luke 2: 11; John 3: 16.) **The government**—the authority to rule (Matt. 28: 18; 11: 27; Ps. 2: 6; 89: 19; 110: 1, 3; Dan. 7: 14; Luke 1: 32; John 17: 2; Rom. 14: 9; Eph. 1: 20, 21; Heb. 2: 8; 1 Pet. 3: 22; Rev. 11: 15). The badge of office was worn upon the shoulder. **Wonderful**—The name is expressive of the character. Jesus was the greatest wonder of the universe. (1 Tim. 3: 16; Judg. 13: 18 margin.) **Counsellor**—the embodiment of wisdom. The Teacher and Guide of men (Isa. 11: 2; Rom. 11: 33, 34; 1 Cor. 1: 24; Col. 2: 3). **The Mighty God**—Jesus was and is God (John 1: 1; Rom. 9: 5; 1 John 5: 20; John 20: 28; 1 Tim. 3: 16; Titus 2: 13; Heb. 1: 8). This term could not be applied

to an earthly king without blasphemy. **The everlasting Father**—one whose paternal love and care can never cease (John 10: 28). **The Prince of Peace**—He reconciles God and man and teaches men to live as brethren (Luke 2: 14; Rom. 5: 1; Eph. 2: 14). See passages referred to under verse 5.

III. AN EVERLASTING REIGN. 7. His peaceful empire shall go on increasing until it fills the world (Dan. 2: 44; Luke 1: 32, 33). **The throne of David**—on which Christ sits as his son. The throne of Christ is called the throne of David because special promises were given to David that the Messiah should be among his descendants. (2 Sam. 7: 13; 16: 19; Ps. 89: 35-37; Isa. 55: 3, 4; Jer. 23: 5, 6; Matt. 1: 1; Luke 1: 69; 2: 4; John 7: 42; Acts 2: 30; Rom. 1: 3; 2 Tim. 2: 8; Rev. 22: 16). Christ is even called David in Jer. 30: 9; Ezek. 34: 23; Hos. 3: 5. **With justice and judgment**—It is not a kingdom resting on force and power, but upon righteousness. (Isa. 42: 21; Ps. 45: 6, 7.) The gospel of Jesus Christ will eventually put down all injustice and wrong-doing. His kingdom rests upon His atonement, and that satisfied the justice of God and provided a righteousness by which the sinner is made acceptable to God. *What is justification?* **The zeal of the Lord of Hosts**—God's earnestness in carrying out his purposes. When we give to missions we are supporting a cause which cannot fail, since God is pledged to its success.

- 1—How does the prophet describe the condition of the people? (3)
- 2—Who is the Light of which the prophet speaks? (3)
- 3—To what ancient battle does he compare His victory? (5)
- 4—What will be done with weapons of war in His reign? (5)
- 5—What names are given to Christ? (5)
- 6—Upon what will His kingdom be established? (4)

Name _____

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because _____ I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory _____ verses in addition to the Golden Text, and _____ Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to _____ I was at church _____ I send with this my Weekly Offering of _____ cents