

## September 13 Answers

- 1) Part 3 of the genealogical records of Israel. **Dan** and **Zebulun** were not included in the genealogical records of 1 Chronicles. The tribe of **Dan** refused to possess their inheritance, abandoned their land, and seized control of a peaceful city far to the north. They also created a rival **religion**, adopting Micah's god as their own (Judg 17–18). The tribe of **Zebulun** did not distinguish itself throughout Israel's history, and it received little mention after the time of the judges (cf. Isa 9:1). Tribes and nations who refuse to honor and serve God inevitably decline, first **morally**, then territorially, and finally, **physically** (2 Kgs 10:31–32). The graveyard of history is filled with nations and empires which rose to prominence on the world stage, only to be destroyed because of **pride** and moral **decay**. This teaches us the importance of loving and obeying God, lest we fall into the same **ruin** which has overtaken so many others. (How do Ezek 13:9 and Ps 69:28 increase our understanding of the significance of enrollment in the genealogies? What do you think about Ps 87:5–6?).