

**Isaiah 2:1-5; 32:1-8, 15-20;  
35; 63:17-25**

*You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains  
and the hills will burst into song before you.*  
Isaiah 55:12

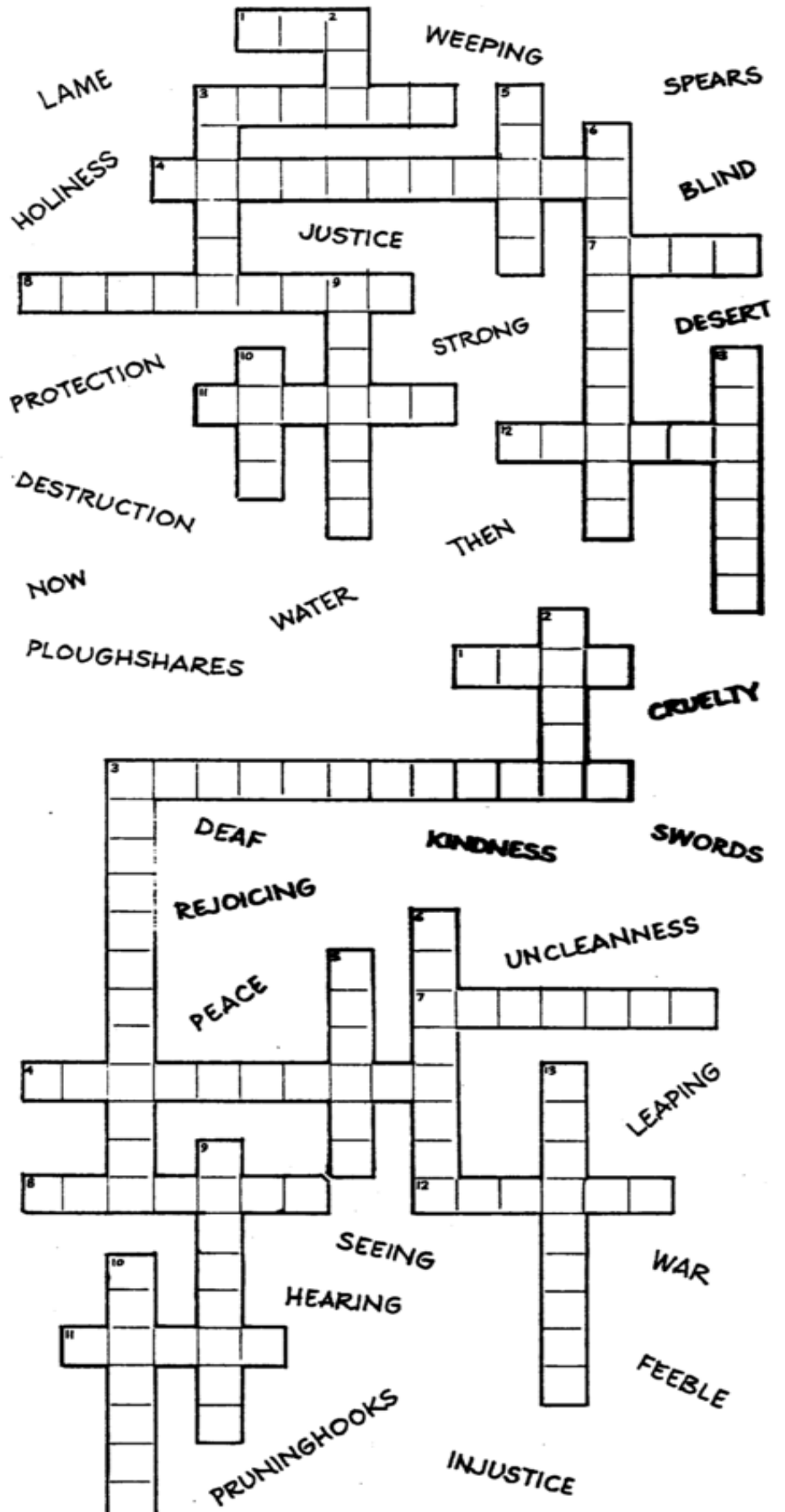
Readings this week:

S	Isaiah 2:1-5
M	Isaiah 11
T	Isaiah 32
W	Isaiah 35
Th	Isaiah 61
F	Isaiah 62
S	Isaiah 65:17-25

Last lesson you looked at prophecies Isaiah made about the life and work of Jesus; most of which have been fulfilled. This lesson we are looking at prophecies about God's kingdom, which will be fulfilled when Jesus returns.

Read the Bible background passages at the top left of this page. Discuss with your group how the prophecies are different to the world we live in today!

Collect the pairs of words which contrast the present world and the one to come. Each pair corresponds to the same number in the two crosswords. See if you can fit them in.



Where will God's Kingdom be?

Can you find any clues in the Bible references you have looked at?

Can you think of any other places in the Bible where it talks about where God's Kingdom will be?

Is there a Kingdom in Israel now? When was the last kingdom there? What will have to happen before the Kingdom is restored?

Which part of Isaiah's description of the Kingdom do you most look forward to?

Ask your friends and families what they think are the biggest problems that the world faces at the moment. Compare their replies with the passages you have looked at. Can you find a solution to each of the problems in the prophecies about God's Kingdom?

Can you recite the names of these books in order:  
Micah  
Nahum  
Habakkuk  
Zephaniah

Pray  
that God's  
Kingdom will  
come soon

## Digging Deeper

The later chapters of Isaiah in particular are very beautiful and show us how much God wants his kingdom for those who love him.

Read these verses and build up a description of what God is like.

Isaiah 45:5-7.

65:2-4

43:1-2

63:7-9

Read Isaiah 63:7 and think with Isaiah how we can praise him.

Look at the first verses of Micah and Zephaniah to find out when they were prophesying. Habakkuk 1:6 and Nahum 3:7 also show that they lived at roughly the time of Isaiah.