Background Scripture: Isaiah 52:1-12
Print Passage: Isaiah 52:7-12

Stop the Chaos

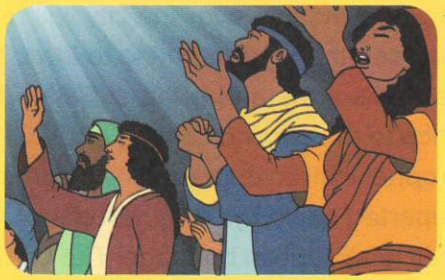
WAKE UP!

EVERY YEAR, JANUARY'S CHURCH SPONSORS AN END-OF-THE-SCHOOL-YEAR YOUTH CAMP. Although the camp and its expenses are free to the youth, the youth of the church are required to contribute toward the cost of the camp by volunteering in two youth fundraisers each year. Last month, Shari and her family joined January's church. January invited Shari to join the other youth on the camp outing. It would be a good time for her to get to know all the youth. Shari was hesitant to ask her parents because they had experienced several turbulent years. After Shari's dad's company closed, the family had experienced financial hardship and difficulty. Shari's dad had been working odd jobs; but he finally found a job last month, and the family relocated for his new job. Shari's family was still getting settled after the relocation; they were a little uptight about their new space and people. Shari explained to January why she had to skip this year's camp outing. When January learned that Shari thought she had to pay to attend the camp, January told Shari that the camp was already paid for by previous fundraisers. What an amazing turn of events! During the camp outing, Shari got to know other youth, participated in games, and made so many friends! The theme for the camp was "God's Special Promise of Peace." Shari listened intently to all of the evening sermons and prayed for peace—and she found peace in God! Shari could not wait to return home to encourage her parents to pivot from anxiety and embrace God's promises through Scripture. God is surely in control! When Shari's parents surrender everything to God and trust Him, they will find peace!

WORD UP

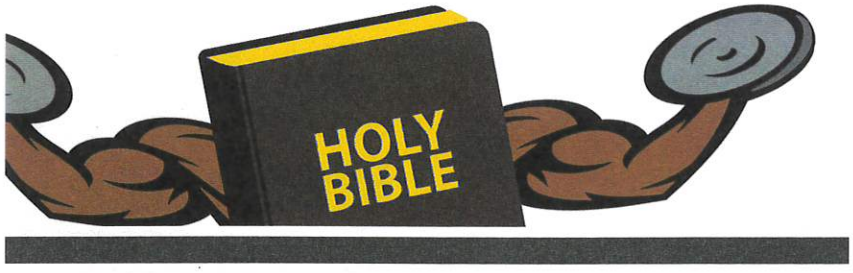
Isaiah 52:7-12

7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet
of those who bring good news, who proclaim
peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim
salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"
8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy. When the Lord re-
turns to Zion, they will see it with their own
eyes. 9 Burst into songs of joy together, you
ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has com-
forted his people, he has redeemed Jerusa-
lem. 10 The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in
the sight of all the nations, and all the ends
of the earth will see the salvation of our God.
11 Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch
no unclean thing! Come out from it and be
pure, you who carry the articles of the Lord's
house. 12 But you will not leave in haste or
go in flight; for the Lord will go before you,
the God of Israel will be your rear guard.



KEY VERSE:

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7)



WORK OUT

ISAIAH PROPHESIES TO JERUSALEM IN TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE. The prophet was writing one hundred years prior to when Jerusalem would be taken into captivity. Jesus is the one spoken about as the "Servant," "Chosen One," and "Light." Jesus is God's anointed one—the Messiah. Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would bring justice to the nations. The writer was urging Jerusalem (Zion) to wake up, rise up, be alert, and put on strength and the clothing of splendor. God provides His people with strength. God wants His people to put on the garments of splendor and beauty. Jerusalem would become a holy city of God where the uncircumcised and ceremonially unclean will enter no more. Jerusalem was urged to shake the dust from themselves and stop mourning because they were held in captivity. The "beautiful feet" are a picture of one today who shares the Good News of Jesus. Watchmen who sit in the towers watching over the city will rejoice and sing together when they see the Lord returning to Zion. Then all the earth will see God bare His arms and bring salvation to Jerusalem! This is a reference to the second coming of Christ detailed in Revelation 1:7. The prophet instructed the exiles not to touch anything unclean as they departed captivity. They would not need to be speedy, like when they left Egyptian bondage. The Lord would be with them—as their front and rear guard. Yes, God would be in two places at once!

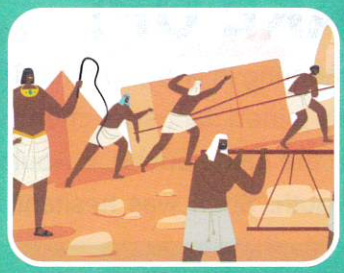
INSIDE OUT

Respond to the following lesson-related questions and self-reflection prompts.

1. Read Isaiah 52:1. Does this verse describe something that Christians need to do today? Explain.
2. Jesus was prophesied by Isaiah to be a man of sorrows. Explain how Jesus was a man of sorrows during His earthly ministry.
3. "Beautiful feet" are those that go and share the Gospel with others. Do you have beautiful feet? How can you make your feet more "beautiful"?
4. Verses 7-12 comprise a message of hope. In your own words, explain that hope.
5. Read Isaiah 52:7-12. List at least three verbs *(action words)* that describe what the Israelites were called to do as they prepared for the coming of the Lord. Describe the special promise associated with each verb.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Your teacher will retell the Exodus narrative of the Israelites who were enslaved in Egypt. Then, you will be invited to share stories of past struggles and how, with God's help, you were able to overcome the difficulties in your life.



Read the three New Testament Scriptures below and indicate how they prophesied about the restoration of the Israelites.

Matthew 24:29-31	_____ _____ _____
Revelation 21:2	_____ _____ _____
Revelation 21:10-27	_____ _____ _____