

THE SUNDAY PAPER

Year A
FIRST
SUNDAY of
ADVENT

This Sunday is the first day of a new Church year. The first season in this new Church year is called ADVENT, which means "coming." In Advent we think of God's plan for his people after they disobeyed him. He did not destroy them or give up on them. Instead, he promised to send them a MESSIAH, or Chosen Leader, to save them and be their King. For many years, God's people waited and hoped for the Messiah and his Kingdom of peace.

GOD'S KINGDOM OF PEACE

Isaiah 2:1-5

ISAIAH WAS A PROPHET. A PROPHET TELLS THE PEOPLE ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR THEM!



IN THE DAYS TO COME, THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD'S HOUSE WILL BE THE CAPITAL OF THE EARTH! PEOPLE WILL COME FROM EVERY NATION, TO LEARN THE WAYS OF THE LORD!



(ISAIAH 2:3)!

GOD'S LAW AND GOD'S WORD WILL COME FROM JERUSALEM! HE WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS...



... SO THERE WILL BE NO MORE WAR! THEY WILL MAKE THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES, AND THEIR SPEARS INTO PRUNING HOOKS!



PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, COME AND LIVE IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD!

In Advent, we remember how God's people waited for God to act. And we know that he did act. He sent Jesus, the Messiah. Jesus's Kingdom of peace begins in our hearts, right now; and some day it will fill the whole world, forever!

PSALM 122:7
"May there be peace forever within the walls of Jerusalem"

ROMANS 13:12
"The night is far gone, the day is at hand! Put away darkness and put on the armor of light"

MATTHEW 24:42
"Stay awake, be ready - because you don't know when the Lord will come!"