

Isaiah 25.¹⁻⁵

God & the nations

nations ...

How good is your geography? Write the first letter of each of these countries in the correct place on the map.

BELARUS
ESTONIA
FINLAND
GERMANY
HUNGARY
LATVIA
MOLDOVA
POLAND
ROMANIA
RUSSIA
SLOVAKIA
TURKEY
UKRAINE



Here's a map of Ukraine.

You'll find all the answers on the last page – don't cheat!

- 1) What's the capital of Ukraine?
- 2) Mark where the capital is on the map
- 3) What is the population of Ukraine?
 - a. 400,000
 - b. 4,000,000
 - c. 40,000,000
 - d. 400,000,000
- 4) What is name of the president of Ukraine?
- 5) What important river runs through Ukraine?

_ E _ E _ S _ Y _

D _ I _ P _ R



God cares about the nations. All of them!

In the chapters immediately before today's passage Isaiah, the prophet of God, had been bringing God's message to the people about 'the nations'.

Different nations had disregarded God and had thrown their weight around. They had invaded other countries with their powerful armies, killed lots of people and destroyed their buildings.

today's passage

Read

Isaiah 25.¹

Lord, You are my God; I will exalt You and praise Your name for in perfect faithfulness You have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

The problem, the Bible says, is always **sin**.

Sin is putting ourselves in place of God and not giving Him His rightful place in our lives.

We think that we are the most important people: we try hard to get our own way.

Sometimes we end up 'bullying' other people.

That's why lots of nasty things go on in the world.

But God knows what's going on and through the previous chapters He'd been saying that He will judge the nations.

In this chapter, Isaiah explains why, when some terrible things are going on in the world, we can still trust God to sort it out.



Reason (1) – who God is



When you see this graphic of the cup of crayons, colour in the words of the picture/heading

Isaiah praised God for who He is.

There are 3 things in particular about God which Isaiah mentions here and which it's important always to remember.

Have a look at the passage and see if you can work out which words point to these 3 truths about God.

He makes a gracious promise

God makes some amazing promises – and He always keeps His promises!

He has great power

God is able to do all things – and the Bible is full of stories telling you about this!

He has a good purpose

God has a purpose for your life that is good!

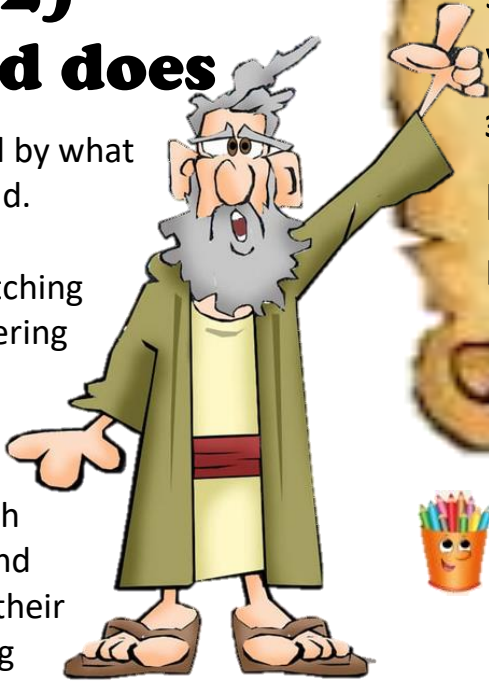
the next bit of today's passage

Reason (2) – what God does

God is not surprised by what happens in the world.

Nor is God left scratching His head and wondering what He should do.

He knows what He will do: and although He is very patient and warns nations that their sinfulness isn't going to end well, there'll come a point when He steps in and sorts it all out Himself



strong
peoples will
honour
You

the result ..

When God shows that He is mightier than the strongest empires, then even those who thought they were pretty strong will start to honour the Lord!

Read

Isaiah 25.²⁻³

²You have made the city a heap of rubble, the fortified town a ruin, the foreigners' stronghold a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will honour You; cities of ruthless nations will revere You.



He makes
the city

a heap of rubble

the city ..

The 'city' is a way of referring to a whole country (like people speak about "London" when what they mean is Britain, or "Moscow" when what they mean is Russia).

Here what's being said is that the city of whatever nation defies God will be reduced to rubble.

In other words, God has the last word, and because He is righteous and just, He will exercise justice.

He will bring to nothing all the attempts of the nations to throw their weight around.

Sin doesn't pay in the long run!

Read

Isaiah 25.4-5

⁴You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall ⁵and like the heat of the desert. You silence the uproar of foreigners; as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is stilled.



You have
been a
refuge for
the poor

the last part..

Remember, Isaiah is still explaining **what God does**

In the previous verses you were learning this important truth about God: He is **the just Judge** and thus

God **punishes** the evil-doers.

But God is also **the merciful Saviour**:
God also **protects** the needy

That's what these final verses of the passage are reminding you.

Join the letters below and colour in an important lesson to learn about God



A Prayer

Think about what you've been learning in this worksheet.

Now try praying this prayer (or making up your own prayer!)



Lord Jesus, thank You that You care about us all. No matter where we live.

Sometimes I get scared when I watch the news.

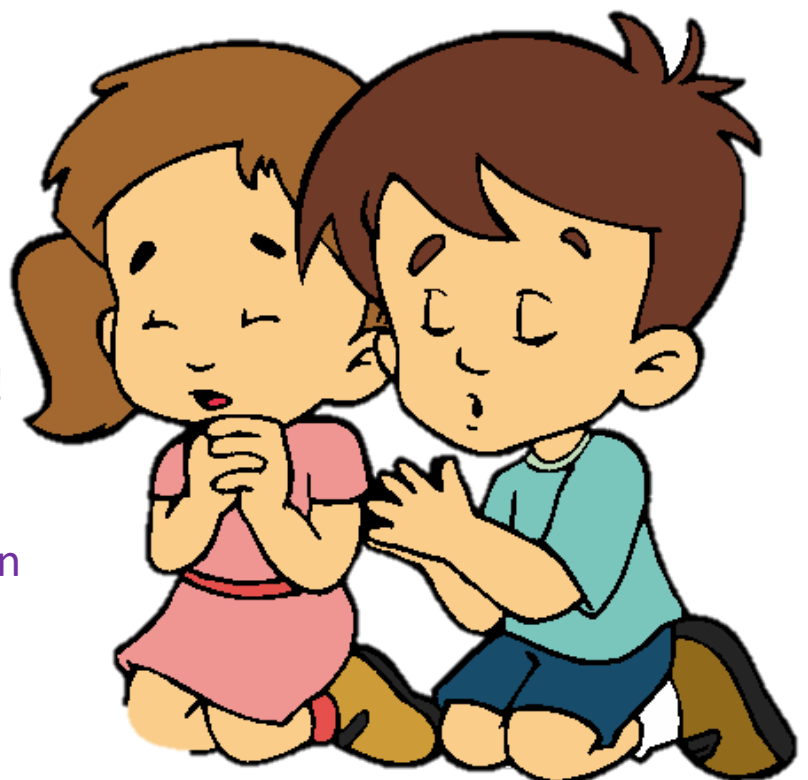
When I see what's going on in the world, things seem a mess.

It must be hard for the people of Ukraine – having to leave their homes and seeing their cities being reduced to rubble.

Please help all the people who are fleeing from the conflict in Ukraine.
Please help them find that You are a refuge for the poor and needy.

Thank You, Lord, for the promises You've made and for the things You do. I'm glad that You're so strong there's nothing You can't do!

Please bring the war in Ukraine to an end quickly and help people rebuild their lives and their cities.



**Today's verse for you
to try and remember!**

Jesus
always protects us



**"You have been a
refuge for the poor**

Isaiah 25.4



A WORDSEARCH

Here's a Wordsearch all about God being a refuge for us.
It's taken from Psalm 46

N	F	J	K	W	K	H	K	T	N	T	N	V	P	S
P	S	R	F	I	Y	W	X	R	G	L	F	A	Z	I
S	T	H	X	T	S	Q	E	X	A	L	T	E	D	N
R	R	A	I	G	E	U	K	K	D	I	A	G	Q	W
C	E	C	J	J	R	U	R	R	S	C	P	D	I	W
T	N	F	E	P	S	T	I	L	L	D	L	U	F	D
R	G	N	U	F	V	M	R	J	M	Y	F	B	O	L
O	T	D	L	G	S	A	G	I	O	D	V	C	R	L
U	H	T	W	H	E	T	Q	L	W	S	A	S	T	B
B	D	R	H	F	S	S	B	O	I	U	M	Y	R	E
L	Z	Z	M	E	X	I	N	R	C	C	R	R	E	H
E	V	B	C	U	L	K	K	D	E	L	R	H	S	O
J	W	S	R	Q	R	P	E	V	B	O	G	X	S	L
T	R	K	N	P	W	E	P	P	S	R	N	B	M	D
V	U	R	C	K	L	Z	V	E	P	N	K	F	C	J

See if you can find these words in the Wordsearch

refuge

fear

behold

strength

glad

still

help

Lord

know

trouble

fortress

exalted

COLOUR in the picture of the city



Here are the ANSWERS to the questions on the front page!

- 1) Kyiv
- 2)



- 3) c.40,000,000
- 4) Zelenskyy
- 5) Dnieper

