

ISAIAH: THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM IS COMING!



The great prophet Isaiah, of the Hebrew Scriptures, proclaimed to Israel what the world would be like when the Messiah would come to save them. Isaiah's prophecies are prayed by Christians during Advent as vivid images of what the world will be like when Jesus comes again in glory. God's justice and peace will extend to all the earth, even to those who consider themselves enemies. In your mind, picture Isaiah's poetic images in this passage on the peaceable kingdom:

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp [cobra],
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's [poisonous snake's] den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

(11:6-9)