

**Children Sabbath School Lesson #66 for 3-8-2014**  
**Song for opening the Sabbath School:**

***“Come unto Me”***

**(A Song from the Book of Matthew 11:28-30)**

Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;  
for I am meek and lowly in heart:  
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.  
For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.

*Opening Prayer – requesting one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer*

***Lesson #66: “The Voice in the Wilderness” Part 3***

**Matthew 3:3 (KJV)**

**For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.**

*This week boys and girls, we will continue with part 3 in our lesson book, entitle “The Voice in the Wilderness”!*

**Jeremiah 31:33 (KJV)**

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

**Jeremiah 31:34 (KJV)**

But this [shall be] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Jeremiah 31:35 (KJV)**

Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, [and] the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts [is] his name:

**Jeremiah 31:36 (KJV)**

If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, [then] the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

**Jeremiah 31:37 (KJV)**

Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

**Let's continue in our book Desire of Ages, Chapter #10, pages 103 - 106**

He looked upon the King in His beauty, and self was forgotten. He beheld the majesty of holiness, and felt himself to be inefficient and unworthy. He was ready to go forth as Heaven's messenger, unawed by the human, because he had looked upon the Divine. He could stand erect and fearless in the presence of earthly monarchs, because he had bowed low before the King of kings. {DA 103.3}

John did not fully understand the nature of the Messiah's kingdom. He looked for Israel to be delivered from her national foes; but the coming of a King in righteousness, and the establishment of Israel as a holy nation, was the great object of his hope. Thus he believed would be accomplished the prophecy given at his birth,--

"To remember His holy covenant; . . .  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies  
Might serve Him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our  
life." {DA 103.4}

**Question:** Boys & girls, how was self forgotten in John? And, did John fully understand the nature of the Messiah's kingdom?

**Answer:** He looked upon the King in His beauty; He beheld the majesty of holiness, and felt himself to be inefficient and unworthy. And no! He looked for Israel to be delivered from her national foes; but the coming of a King in righteousness, and the establishment of Israel as a holy nation, was the great object of his hope.

**Song:** *Let's learn a beautiful hymn together dear ones!*

***Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)***

Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

He saw his people deceived, self-satisfied, and asleep in their sins. He longed to rouse them to a holier life. The message that God had given him to bear was designed to startle them from their lethargy, and cause them to tremble because of their great wickedness. Before the seed of the gospel could find lodgment, the soil of the heart must be broken up. Before they would seek healing from Jesus, they must be awakened to their danger from the wounds of sin. {DA 103.5}

God does not send messengers to flatter the sinner. He delivers no message of peace to lull the unsanctified into fatal security. He lays heavy burdens upon the conscience of the wrongdoer, and pierces the soul with arrows of conviction. The ministering angels present to him the fearful judgments of God to deepen the sense of need, and prompt the cry, "What must I do to be saved?" Then the hand that has humbled in the dust, lifts up the penitent. The voice that has rebuked sin, and put to shame pride and ambition, inquires with tenderest sympathy, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" {DA 104.1}

When the ministry of John began, the nation was in a state of excitement and discontent verging on revolution. At the removal of Archelaus, Judea had been brought directly under the control of Rome. The tyranny and extortion of the Roman governors, and their determined efforts to introduce the heathen symbols and customs, kindled revolt, which had been quenched in the blood of thousands of the bravest of Israel. All this intensified the national hatred against Rome, and increased the longing to be freed from her power. {DA 104.2}

**Question:** Boys & girls, what God does not send His messengers to do? And, what brought about the tyranny and extortion of the Roman governors among Israel, causing them to be freed from their power?

**Answer:** To flatter the sinner. He delivers no message of peace to lull the unsanctified into fatal security. He lays heavy burdens upon the conscience of the wrongdoer, and pierces the soul with arrows of conviction. And their determined efforts to introduce the heathen symbols and customs, kindled revolt, which had been quenched in the blood of thousands of the bravest of Israel.

Amid discord and strife, a voice was heard from the wilderness, a voice startling and stern, yet full of hope: "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." With a new, strange power it moved the people. Prophets had foretold the coming of Christ as an event far in the future; but here was an announcement that it was at hand. John's singular appearance carried the minds of his hearers back to the ancient seers. In his manner and dress he resembled the prophet Elijah. With the spirit and power of Elijah he denounced the national corruption, and rebuked the prevailing sins. His words were plain, pointed, and convincing. Many believed him to be one of the prophets risen from the dead. The whole nation was stirred. Multitudes flocked to the wilderness. {DA 104.3}

John proclaimed the coming of the Messiah, and called the people to repentance. As a symbol of cleansing from sin, he baptized them in the waters of the Jordan. Thus by a significant object lesson he declared that those who claimed to be the chosen people of God were defiled by sin, and that without purification of heart and life they could have no part in the Messiah's kingdom. {DA 104.4}

**Question:** Boys & girls, what was heard amid discord and strife in the wilderness? And what did John proclaim? And what did John's appearance bring to the minds of the hearers?

**Answer:** A voice startling and stern, yet full of hope: "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." With power it moved the people and called the people to repentance. As a symbol of cleansing from sin, he baptized them in the waters of the Jordan. And back to the ancient seers; his manner and dress resembled the prophet Elijah.

**Song:** Let's learn a beautiful hymn entitled, "Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!"  
Together dear ones!

<i>Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!</i>	
<p>Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.</p> <p><b>Refrain</b></p> <p>Redeemed, and so happy in Jesus, No language my rapture can tell; I know that the light of His presence With me doth continually dwell.</p> <p><b>Refrain</b></p>	<p>I think of my blessed Redeemer, I think of Him all the day long; I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.</p> <p><b>Refrain</b></p> <p>I know there's a crown that is waiting, In yonder bright mansion for me, And soon, with the spirits made perfect, At home with the Lord I shall be.</p> <p><b>Refrain</b></p>
<p><i>Redeemed, redeemed, Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever I am.</i></p>	

Princes and rabbis, soldiers, publicans, and peasants came to hear the prophet. For a time the solemn warning from God alarmed them. Many were brought to repentance, and received baptism. Persons of all ranks submitted to the requirement of the Baptist, in order to participate in the kingdom he announced. {DA 105.1}

Many of the scribes and Pharisees came confessing their sins, and asking for baptism. They had exalted themselves as better than other men, and had led the people to entertain a high opinion of their piety; now the guilty secrets of their lives were unveiled. But John was impressed by the Holy Spirit that many of these men had no real conviction of sin. They were timeservers. As friends of the prophet, they hoped to find favor with the coming Prince. And by receiving baptism at the hands of this popular young teacher, they thought to strengthen their influence with the people. {DA 105.2}

John met them with the scathing inquiry, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance; and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." {DA 105.3}

**Question:** Boys & girls, why were many of the scribes and Pharisees coming confessing their sins, and asking for baptism? And how did John meet them with the scathing inquiry?

**Answer:** The guilty secrets of their lives were unveiled. But John was impressed by the Holy Spirit that many of these men had no real conviction of sin by receiving baptism by him they thought to strengthen their influence with the people. O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come

The Jews had misinterpreted God's promise of eternal favor to Israel: "Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The Lord of hosts is His name: If those ordinances depart from before Me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever. Thus saith the Lord; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord." **Jeremiah 31:35-37**. The Jews regarded their natural descent from Abraham as giving them a claim to this promise. But they overlooked the conditions which God had specified. Before giving the promise, He had said, "I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people. . . . For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." **Jeremiah 31:33, 34**. {DA 106.1}

**Question:** Boys & girls, what did the Jews misinterpret of God? And how did the Jews regard their inherited connection to Abraham concerning God's promise?

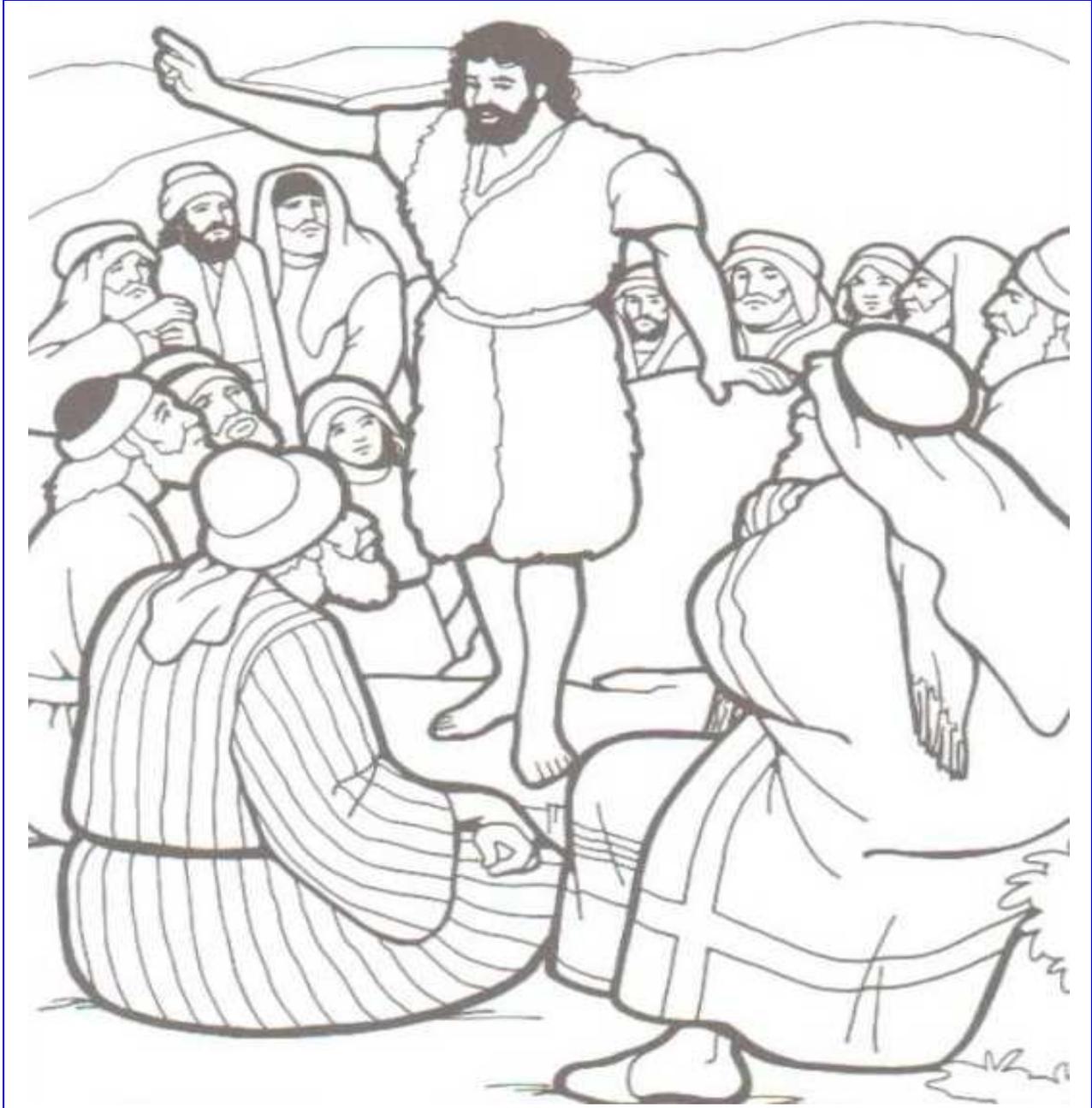
**Answer:** God's promise of eternal favor to Israel. And claim to the promise from their natural descent. But they overlooked the conditions which God had specified.

**Next Week:** We will continue with part 4 of our study in our lesson book,  
"The Voice in the Wilderness"!

*Closing Prayer – request one of the little ones or mommies or daddies to give prayer*

**Next Sabbath:** Chapter 10 "The Voice in the Wilderness" Part 4 on Sabbath March 15, 2014.

*Have a Blessed Sabbath dear one, and enjoy your activities. God Bless!*  
*Children Sabbath School*  
*Lesson #66*



***Isaiah 40:3(KJV)***

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

## Word Search Puzzle

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

AMBITION  
ARCHELAUS  
BEAUTY  
BURDENS  
CONVICTION  
COVENANT  
DETERMINED  
DISCONTENT  
DIVINE  
ERECT

EXCITEMENT  
EXTORTION  
FATAL  
FEARLESS  
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HOLIER  
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INEFFICIENT  
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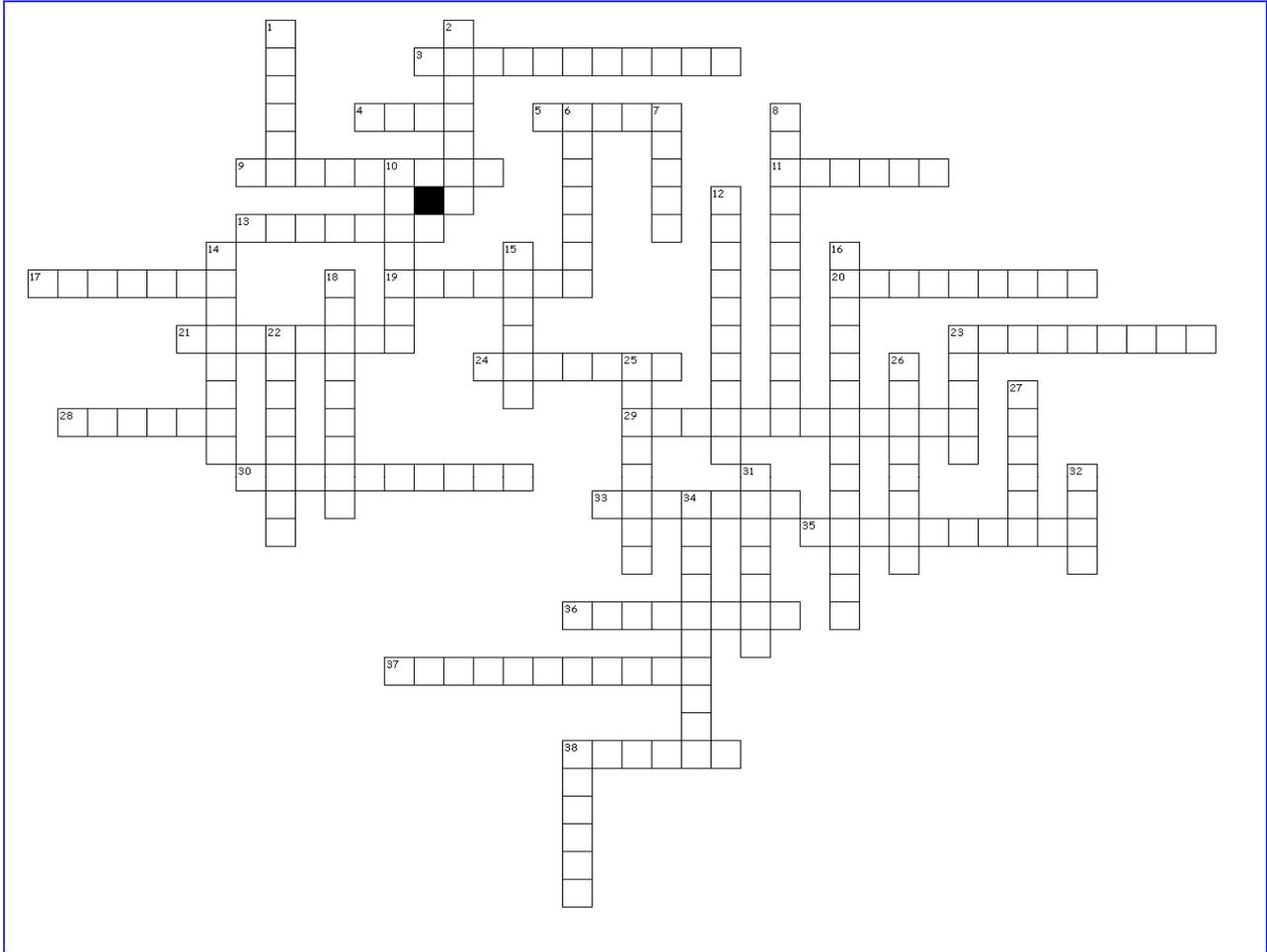
LETHARGY  
LODGMEN  
LULL  
MAJESTY  
MESSENGER  
MONARCHS  
NATIONAL  
PENITENT  
REBUKED  
REMOVAL

REVOLUTION  
SOIL  
SYMPATHY  
TENDEREST  
TYRANNY  
UNAWED  
UNSANCTIFIED  
UNWORTHY  
VERGING  
WRONGDOER

*40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.*



## *Crisscross Puzzle*



KINDLED  
 REVOLT  
 QUENCHED  
 BRAVEST  
 AMID  
 DISCORD  
 STRIFE  
 STERN  
 REPENT  
 ANNOUNCEMENT

ELIJAH  
 DENOUNCED  
 CORRUPTION  
 BAPTIZED  
 JORDAN  
 SIGNIFICANT  
 PURIFICATION  
 PRINCES  
 RABBIS  
 SOLDIERS

PUBLICANS  
 PEASANTS  
 REPENTANCE  
 BAPTISM  
 RANKS  
 SCRIBES  
 PHARISEES  
 OPINION  
 PIETY  
 UNVEILED

CONVICTION  
 TIMESERVERS  
 INFLUENCE  
 SCATHING  
 INQUIRY  
 GENERATION  
 VIPERS  
 FLEE  
 ABRAHAM  
 MISINTERPRETED

*40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.*

## Activities Answer Key

### Word Search Puzzle Solution

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+ + S + + E V A O B Y N N A R Y T E O +
+ + + C D + L E I D R + + + + + R J +
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H O U + H N I + M G + N + + N L P D E +
O B D C S O T O D D I + O I + A E N V T
L Y R G N H V E E E + N V R F N N E O N
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(Over, Down, Direction)

AMBITION (12, 1, SW)  
 ARCHELAUS (2, 9, NE)  
 BEAUTY (7, 15, NW)  
 BURDENS (2, 7, NE)  
 CONVICTION (8, 17, NE)  
 COVENANT (3, 16, NE)  
 DETERMINED (10, 7, SW)  
 DISCONTENT (1, 1, SE)  
 DIVINE (11, 10, NE)  
 ERECT (1, 11, SE)

EXCITEMENT (6, 17, E)  
 EXTORTION (9, 19, E)  
 FATAL (18, 10, S)  
 FEARLESS (11, 18, W)  
 FOES (15, 8, SW)  
 GOVERNORS (11, 11, SE)  
 HOLIER (8, 16, E)  
 HOLINESS (1, 6, S)  
 INEFFICIENT (20, 17, N)  
 JOHN (19, 4, N)

LETHARGY (13, 20, E)  
 LODGMENT (1, 5, SE)  
 LULL (18, 17, NW)  
 MAJESTY (8, 14, NW)  
 MESSENGER (17, 5, W)  
 MONARCHS (12, 14, NW)  
 NATIONAL (16, 13, N)  
 PENITENT (17, 6, S)  
 REBUKED (6, 20, E)  
 REMOVAL (11, 4, SW)

REVOLUTION (19, 5, S)  
 SOIL (15, 2, W)  
 SYMPATHY (8, 19, W)  
 TENDEREST (18, 9, N)  
 TYRANNY (17, 3, W)  
 UNAWEED (14, 18, N)  
 UNSANCTIFIED (20, 18, NW)  
 UNWORTHY (8, 13, SW)  
 VERGING (7, 3, SE)  
 WRONGDOER (15, 9, NW)

40 of 40 words were placed into the puzzle.

### Cryptogram Puzzle #1 Solution

#### Isaiah 40:3 (KJV)

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD,  
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

### Cryptogram Puzzle #2 Solution

#### Matthew 4:17 (KJV)

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say,  
 Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**Crisscross Puzzle**  
Solution

**Across**

- 3. TIMESERVERS
- 4. AMID
- 5. RANKS
- 9. PHARISEES
- 11. RABBIS
- 13. INQUIRY
- 17. OPINION
- 19. BAPTISM
- 20. INFLUENCE
- 21. PEASANTS
- 23. PUBLICANS
- 24. BRAVEST
- 28. STRIFE
- 29. ANNOUNCEMENT
- 30. GENERATION
- 33. DISCORD
- 35. REPENTANCE
- 36. BAPTIZED
- 37. SIGNIFICANT
- 38. REPENT

**Down**

- 1. ELIJAH
- 2. KINDLE
- 6. ABRAHAM
- 7. STERN
- 8. PURIFICATION
- 10. SCRIBES
- 12. CORRUPTION
- 14. UNVEILED
- 15. VIPERS
- 16. MISINTERPRETED
- 18. DENOUNCED
- 22. SOLDIERS
- 23. PIETY
- 25. SCATHING
- 26. QUENCHED
- 27. JORDAN
- 31. PRINCES
- 32. FLEE
- 34. CONVICTION
- 38. REVOLT

*They are 20 words across and 20 words down in the Crisscross Puzzle*



John proclaimed the coming of the Messiah, and called the people to repentance.