

Read Isaiah 2:1-22

In this passage, Isaiah is looking toward the future day when Christ returns and God establishes the new heavens and new earth. Why is consideration of that future time important for our lives in the present?

In v4 the image of turning swords into ploughshares describes the new creation as a world in which violence and hostility will be replaced by peace and meaningful work. What modern images/descriptions could you use to characterise what this world will be like?

Read v11. What warning does this verse give about what this future day will be like?

List some examples of human arrogance and pride that we see around us—at an international, national and local level.

How will this arrogance and pride be overturned when Christ returns?

What will it mean for God alone to be exalted in that day?

These warnings about the future are meant to be a wake-up call in the present. What present warning do we get in v7?

How can we prevent our hearts from being captivated by money and material things?

What modern day idols are we tempted to down to? How can we prevent this from happening?

What is the warning in v22? What does this mean for us today?

What practical changes do you need to make in the present in view of this picture of the future?