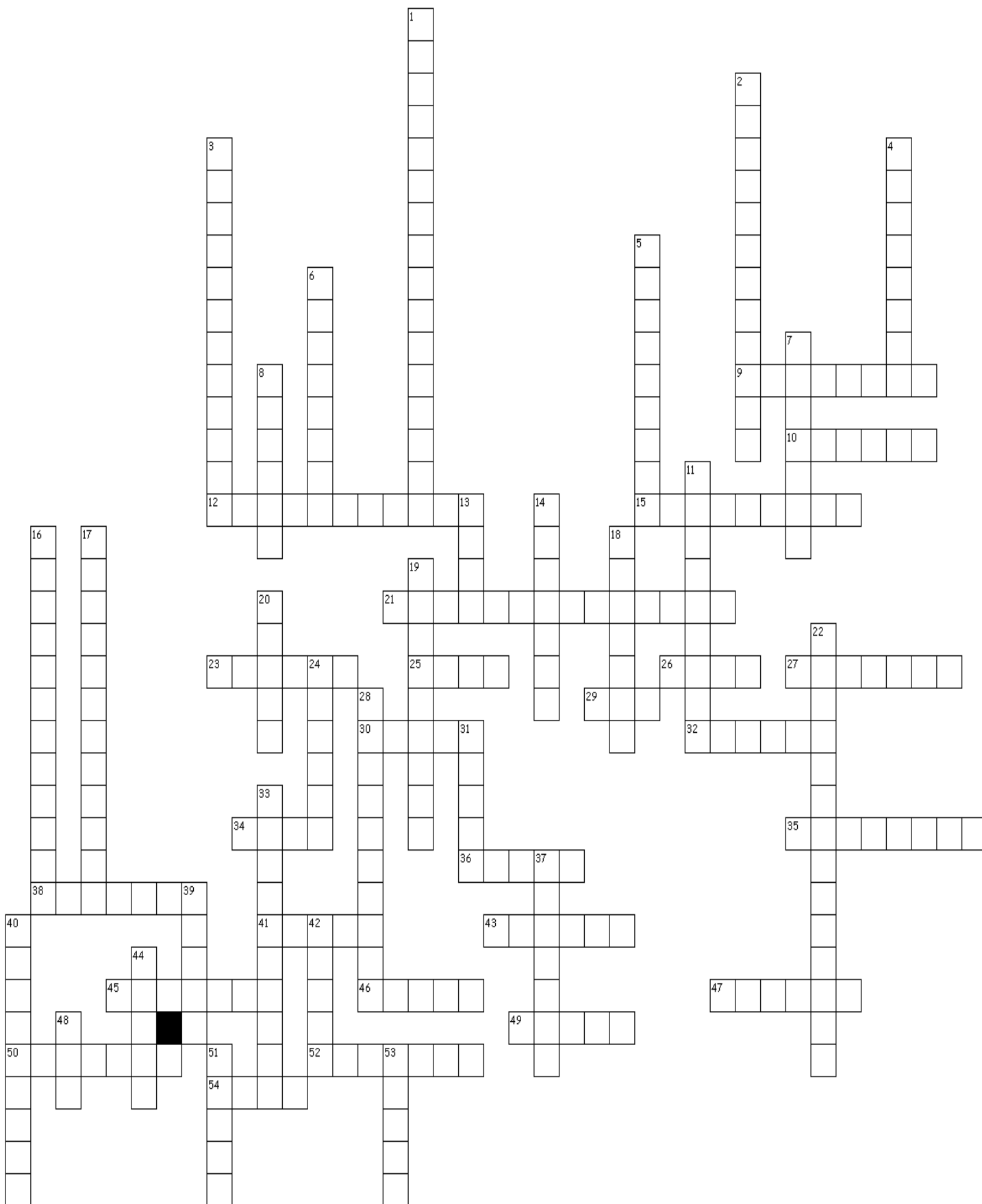


Southwest Asia Crossword Puzzle



Across

9. Uprising of Palestinians against Israelis.
10. First leader of the Ottoman Empire.
12. Spots where Israeli government checks id of travelers coming into Israeli territory.
15. Form of government in which one individual ruled by religious leader.
21. Removing salt from ocean water
23. A republic in Southwest Asia, on the Mediterranean Sea, created in 1948.
25. A Muslim prayer leader.
26. The largest ethnic group in Israel.
27. A holy month in Islam when Muslims fast from sun rise to sunset
29. A wall that blocks water from going down the river. It can create lakes behind it to store water. It can also make electricity when water flows through it.
30. fertile area in a desert wherever water is available.
32. Muslim house of worship
34. The number of Times Muslims pray every day.
35. Government ruled by a king or queen; they are not elected
36. Religious faith of Muslims, prophet is Muhammad, monotheistic.
38. In Judaism and Christianity, a savior sent by God.
41. Religious leader for the Jews.

43. Christians place of worship.
45. The oldest of the Monotheistic religions that trace their origins back to the ancient Israelites.
46. Holiest city in Islam, found in Saudi Arabia, Muslims take a pilgrimage to this city.
47. Language the Quran is written in.
49. Most important figure/person in Christianity.
50. A military force used to liberate Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion in 1991 (also called Operation Desert Storm).
52. Order that restricts or prohibits trade with another country.
54. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Down

1. President Bush assembled an international alliance that invaded Afghanistan to stop the Taliban government.
2. The religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus.
3. Believing in more than one God.
4. Founder and prophet of the Muslim faith.
5. A time when over 6 million Jews were killed in concentration camps during WWII.
6. Strip of land controlled by Israel, west of the Jordan River.
7. Empire An empire that controlled much of the Middle East from the 1299 until the End of WWI.
8. Sacred language spoken by Jewish Israelis.

11. Oil that comes from fossil fuels
13. Branch of Muslims, majority in Iran.
14. Movement to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine.
16. Extreme hatred of Jews.
17. Displaced groups of Arabs-Muslim.
18. A USA led coalition of nations that invaded Iraq to look for "weapons of mass destruction."
19. A piece of land surrounded by water on 3 sides, but still connected to the mainland.
20. Ethnic group without a country.
22. When water is dirty from sewage, garbage, or chemicals.
24. Group of lands under one ruler.
28. Belief in only one god
31. Branch of Islam, majority of Muslims 80%.
33. Muslims from around the world must do this once in their life
37. Underground water; much of Southwest Asia gets its fresh water from these
39. A head and hair covering worn by many women in Islam
40. Jewish temple or place of worship.
42. Holy book for Christians.
44. The Muslim's holy book
48. Palestine Liberation Organization.
51. The Jewish holy book.
53. This ethnic group is the most numerous in SWA.

