

Isaiah

The Future Kingdom
Isaiah 2:1-5

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Introduction

No person can know all that lies in the future except God Himself. However, if we could see the future diseases we were going to suffer through due to our way of eating, some of us could immediately change our diets. The same is true with smoking, drinking, taking drugs, and a host of other damaging and sinful habits. If we could see into the future, people could take dramatic steps to change our behavior.

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In Isaiah 2-4, the Lord gives Isaiah a glimpse into the future. Three major events are revealed to him by God. Believers can know with certainty that they will take place. All three major events will take place in the last days of human history. Everyone should heed the warnings and act before it is too late. These events are, The Future Kingdom and Temple of God, the Day of the Lord, and the Restoration of Israel.

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Verse 1 states the beginning of a new vision.

This vision concerns Judah and Jerusalem.

In the future, God's kingdom will be established on earth. Jerusalem will become the center of the worldwide government and worship.

It is not a question of "if" but "when".

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God's government will be established in the latter days. This is a reference to the future reign of Jesus, the promised Messianic age for Isaiah and God's people. The last days point to the future time that involves the end of human history. Isaiah's glimpse into the future reached forward to the events that will take place after the return of Christ.

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God's kingdom and His temple will be exalted above all the kingdoms and temples that have ever existed. Throughout Scripture, *mountains* often refer to governments, to their authority and power (Da.2:35; Am.4:1).

Daniel 2:35

Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

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In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's kingdom will be established and exalted above all the mountains or governments down through history. And the center of His government will be the new temple that will be built on Mount Zion (Eze. 40-43).

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The mountain of the Lord or Mount Zion is a common theme running throughout Isaiah. It is pictured as being the place to which all the nations and people who live in the last days will stream and flow. Why? Because Jesus Himself will be ruling the earth, with the center of government is the temple that has been rebuilt on Mount Zion.

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The leaders who live in the last days will naturally travel to the capital of the world, the political and economic center of world government and commerce. Likewise, all people will attempt to make pilgrimages to God's temple to worship the Lord.

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God will have three primary purposes for establishing His kingdom on earth in verses 3 & 4.

1. God's purpose will be to attract and invite people to worship. The Lord deserves to be honored above all who have ever existed, for the Lord is not only the Creator of the universe but also the Savior of the world. Securing salvation for mankind cost Him the ultimate price. The penalty for sin is death, and Christ paid the penalty with His life.

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God the Father has determined that every knee will bow and worship the Lord in *the last days*. Thus, when the Lord establishes His kingdom on earth, it will be for the purpose of attracting and inviting people to worship Christ. Note that many people will worship Him and enthusiastically invite others to go to the mountain of the Lord to do the same.

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2. God's second purpose will be to arouse people to hear and obey His Word. Those who come to the Lord will be taught His ways and they will walk in His path of righteousness, morality, and justice. The law of God will be executed from Zion, and the Word of God will be proclaimed by the Lord Himself from Jerusalem.

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Many people will hear the Word of God and obey His commandments. No longer will most people hear and reject God's Word. In the last days, most people will live righteous and moral lives. They will keep the two greatest commandments, those of loving the Lord first and then loving their neighbors as themselves.

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3. God's third purpose for establishing His kingdom on earth will be to bring peace to the world. Scripture states that Messiah will serve as judge between nations and will settle whatever international disputes arise among them.

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Universal peace will sweep the world and there will be no more war. Military weapons will be recycled into machines and tools for commercial purposes. No nation will take up a sword against another nation, nor will they call upon their people to train for war.

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Isaiah made a strong appeal to the people of his day, an appeal that still speaks to our hearts. Since the Lord is going to bring His kingdom of righteousness and peace to earth, the house of Jacob (all believers) should walk in the light of the Lord.

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We should let the light of His Word shine upon us, the wisdom of His commandments and instructions. We should obey God's Word, living righteous, moral, and honest lives. We should love the Lord, worshipping Him daily and then coming together as a church to worship Him as the living Lord.

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We also should love one another as neighbors, reaching out to help and encourage one another when needed. We should fellowship and rejoice together in the wonderful promises God has given us. Furthermore, as we walk day by day, we should follow the golden rule, treating others as we wish to be treated.

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So What ...

We look around and the world is not looking so good. War, disease, lawlessness and unrest fill the news.

It was the same in Isaiah's day. Let us find hope and comfort that these days are temporary. Jesus is coming back and He will bring in His kingdom of peace!!!

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