

**Isaiah**

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**Isaiah 2:1-5**

**Lesson Six**

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## Climb the Mountain

Today we look at another oracle, as seen by Isaiah, son of Amoz. Those spoken to in the oracle are Judah and the city of Jerusalem. Read Isaiah 2:1-5.

Notice that Isaiah talks about the last days. This could be seen as the end of time, or it could just mean a long time in the future. Some believe that Isaiah is talking about a time after Jesus returns to earth...end of time. At that time people will, more than at any other time, be searching for God. Others believe that Isaiah expected to see this happen in his lifetime, and see it taking place when Israel came back from captivity and re-established itself as an independent nation. Whatever it means, let's look at what is very clear in this prophesy.

First, there is the raising of the mountain on which the Temple was built. This is the hill called Zion. It was the target of the attack of David who led his army to conquer Jerusalem, and make it his capitol. In Isaiah's day, Solomon's temple stood there and when the people thought of a holy place, this was it. It was the place to which the people came with their offerings to God and to ask His forgiveness for their sins...at least that was what it was supposed to be.

Now the hill of Zion was not a high mountain. Actually, it wasn't even the tallest peak in that area. It certainly wasn't a candidate to be the highest mountain on earth. So, what we have here is spiritual talk. It is called poetic hyperbole which means an exaggeration to point out a spiritual truth. What this seems to mean is that God's glory and majesty will become clear to all people, and they will rush to His presence to worship Him.

And, there will be many people who will be gathering up groups of people to go "up to the mountain." This is a good thing for us to understand about what God expects. Not only does He expect people to come to Him, He expects people to go out and gather others who need to see and know Him.

What will they do when they come? They will learn His ways. God will teach people what He expects of them and how to live like He wants His people to live. This is a choice that people will make. Facing the paths which you can take, you must make up your own mind, but God shows us the best path. The people of Israel were choosing the wrong paths...paths that led them to false gods.

Then, they were told that God would judge the nations. This means that He will settle their differences and bring peace to their relationships.

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God's coming is not a prediction of a physical return of God, like when Jesus came to earth. But it can mean that God's Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those who come to Him. Where humans fail to find peace, God's Spirit will succeed. Humans don't trust one another. Humans misunderstand one another. Humans fear one another. Isaiah sees a time when humans seek God and, being open to God's Holy Spirit, they can find peace.

Then, encouraged by this peace, they heat and reshape their war weapons. It has been a necessity, up to this point, to have weapons to defend themselves or to attack their enemies. When people get along, arms for battle are no longer needed.

So, they can reshape their swords into plowshares. A plowshare is the point of a plow that digs into the dirt first. These were necessary for cultivating a field for planting a crop. He said they would reshape their spears, intended to stab the enemy, into a tool. That tool looked like a sharp hook, which would cut the grapes from the vine.

He continues with this picture of peace, telling the people that there would be no need for a nation to declare war on another nation. They would have worked out their differences in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

He completes the picture with the obvious opinion that they would no longer need to train people to fight, no training for war anymore.

These same words are used by Micah in chapter four, verse three, but, Micah adds verse four: "Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken." Is that a great picture of peace, or what?

So, what does this say to us today? It spells out for us the hope of the world. Humans will never settle their differences alone. There is too much suspicion, fear and mistrust. Our hope is that all of us can submit to God's Holy Spirit and allow Him to teach us His ways, judge our ways and settle our disputes. It can happen, Isaiah saw the possibility as God spoke.

\*Underlined words and phrases are to be used in completing the Student Worksheet.

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**Scripture Memory:** "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths." Isaiah 2:3b

**Lesson Goal:** To show students the picture of the hope of the world....God's peace.

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## Student Worksheet

### **Climb the Mountain—Isaiah 2:1-5**

As the teacher goes through the lesson, listen for answers to these:

1. What two things could be meant by the words, “In the last days?”
2. Since Zion wasn’t a candidate to be the highest mountain on earth, what does that mean in verse two?
3. What will the people do when they come to God?
4. Where else do we find these words in the Bible?
5. What is our hope for today as seen in these verses?

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#### **How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:**

First, believe that the God of the Bible is the true God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God’s Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus’ name. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.