

Isaiah 2:1-4

The Mountain of the Lord's House

Text: Micah 4:1-5; Isaiah 2:1-4

Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. He showed that this victory would include blessedness for all through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
3. This Victor would be a mediator (Job 19:23-27), a ruler (Genesis 49:10), a star (Numbers 24:17), a prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19), a priest (1 Samuel 2:35), and a king (1 Samuel 2:10) - ruling from the throne of David (1 Chronicles 17:11-14).
4. During the time of David, the "sweet psalmist of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:1) recorded many prophecies of Jesus in the Psalms.
5. In the writings of the prophets, much more detail about the coming Messiah was given.
6. Isaiah declared that the kingdom of the Messiah would begin in Jerusalem...

I. THE BACKGROUND

- A. The name Isaiah means, "Jehovah is salvation," "salvation is of Jehovah," or "Jehovah saves."
- B. He was the son of Amoz (1:1); married to "the prophetess" (8:3); had two sons - Shearjashub (7:3) and Mahershalalhashbaz (8:3); and lived in Jerusalem (8:3).
 1. Shearjashub means, "A remnant shall return." (Cf. 8:18)
 2. Mahershalalhashbaz means, "Hastening to the prey" or "hurrying to the spoil."
- C. Isaiah's call to his work as a prophet is recorded in chapter 6.
- D. According to Jewish tradition, he was martyred by being sawn in half during the reign King Manasseh (cf. Hebrews 11:37).
- E. He prophesied for a period of about 50 years during the reigns of four kings of Judah - Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.
- F. This coincided with the reigns of the final two kings of Israel - Pekah and Hoshea.
- G. During this time, Judah had become a battleground between the nations of Egypt and Assyria.
- H. As a result, there were three political factions formed among the Jews:
 1. The Egyptian Party - *sought to align with Egypt*
 2. The Assyrian Party - *sought to submit to Assyria*
 3. The Nationalistic Party - *opposed any allegiance except to God*
- I. There were several moral problems in the land of Judah:
 1. Backsliding and rebellion (1:1-9)
 2. Ritualistic worship (1:10-17)
 3. Injustice (1:21-23)
 4. Idolatry (2:6-9)

II. THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD'S HOUSE (MICAH 4:1-5; ISAIAH 2:1-4)

- A. "In the last days" is a prophetic phrase referring to the time of the Messiah (cf. Genesis 49:1; Job 19:25; Daniel 2:28; Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17).
- B. What follows is a prophetic view of the Messiah's kingdom, spiritual Zion.

Prophecy of Jesus

- C. What?** The mountain of the Lord's house
1. Obviously, there is a reference to Jerusalem and the Temple of God.
 2. Yet, this phrase is also symbolic (cf. Psalm 68:15-16).
 3. It is used in prophetic language to refer to God's spiritual kingdom (Daniel 2:35).
- D. When?** In the last days
- E. Where?** Above the hills / Zion, Jerusalem
1. God's house is exalted above all others - higher than the highest mountain!
 2. This is symbolic language of a spiritual truth.
 3. Then, it is revealed with great specificity that this kingdom would begin in the city of Jerusalem, from whence the Law of God would be preached (cf. Acts 2).
- F. Who?** All nations / Many people
1. This kingdom would not be limited to the Jews but would include the Gentiles.
 2. People from all nations would flow into this spiritual kingdom.
 3. Then, they would go forth and invite others to do the same!
- G. Why?** Teach us / Walk in His paths
- H. How?** Judge / Rebuke / Peace
1. God would judge and rebuke sin through the Gospel of Christ.
 2. Those who obeyed it would become united as a people of peace.
- I.** Micah adds that the faithful would walk in the name and under the authority of God forever.
- J.** The kingdom of David would be restored under the watchtower of the Lord.

III. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST (ACTS 2)

- A.** This prophecy was fulfilled with the beginning of the church on the Day of Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus.
- B.** The church is the spiritual house of God (1 Timothy 3:15).
- C.** The church is the spiritual mountain of God (Hebrews 12:22-29).
- D.** Salvation and hope are found in Christ and His kingdom!