

The Mountain of the Lord's House

Isaiah 2:1-5

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Introduction

- There are “holes” in everyone’s education.
- Summary of what we’ve learned so far in our study of God’s Plan for the Ages
 - **Next prophetic event is the rapture of the church.**
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17-- *“the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”*
 - John 14:3 -- *“if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”*
 - The West will reorganize into a **10-nation confederation** or 10 economic zones, and out of the West will emerge the Antichrist aided by the ecumenical church.
 - **Jesus Christ receives the seven-sealed scroll from His Father**, marking the beginning of the 70th week of Daniel, the last seven years of God’s 490-year plan to prepare the Jews for their Messiah and Kingdom.
 - **Jesus Christ opens the first seal, unleashing the “man of peace”, the Antichrist.**
 - **The Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel** to provide them with protection, thus marking from a human standpoint the beginning of the tribulation period.
 - Jesus Christ opens the **next three seals** unleashing war and bloodshed, famine, and death by disease. One-fourth of the world’s population will perish.
 - God sends and seals **two witnesses**, who will preach the gospel and many will come to faith, but pay for it with their lives. Included in the number of their converts may be the 144,000 Jewish evangelists who will also be sealed and protected by God.
 - The **fifth sealed judgment** reveals the cry of the martyrs asking God to avenge their death.
 - In the **middle of the tribulation**, Satan loses the war in heaven and is banished to earth. He in turn indwells the Antichrist turning him from a man of peace into a raging beast.
 - The **Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel**, desecrates the temple, and sets himself up as god. He seeks to annihilate the Jewish people but God supernaturally protects them
 - The Antichrist and the false prophet imposes **economic sanctions** on those who do not receive his mark.
 - At this point, Jesus opens the **sixth sealed judgment**, introducing the *“great day of His wrath”*.
 - When Jesus opens the **seventh seal**, that in turn reveals **seven Trumpet Judgments**
 - The **first four trumpet judgments** create havoc on the earth’s environment. 1/3 of the everything is destroyed.
 - The **fifth trumpet** unleashes the demons from the abyss who will torment men for five months,
 - The **sixth trumpet**, death returns and 1/3 of the world’s population will die.
 - The **final trumpet** unleashes **seven severe BOWL JUDGMENTS** affecting 100% of the world’s resources and population.
 - The Antichrist and his forces will converge on Israel and Jerusalem to annihilate the Jews. They will gather at a staging area known as **Armageddon**.
 - **At Armageddon, the Antichrist and his forces will encounter the returning triumphant Christ at the second phase of His second coming.**
 - Satan, the Antichrist, the false prophet, and their followers will be soundly defeated,
 - The political and economic empire built by the Antichrist will be destroyed.
 - **The Antichrist and false prophet will be cast alive into the lake of fire.**
 - **Satan and his cohorts will be incarcerated for 1,000 years in the abyss,**

- **Jesus Christ will then establish His Kingdom here on earth.**
 - **Only born again people will enter the kingdom** along with resurrected Old Testament Saints, Church saints, tribulation saints, and the 144,000 Jewish evangelists.
 - **The establishment of the Kingdom marks the beginning of a new dispensation!** The “Age of Grace” has come to a close and a new era begins.
- *Now what have we learned so far about the kingdom Jesus Christ will established?*
 - **It will be a fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham: A land, a seed with a nation, and spiritual blessings.**
 - **Jesus Christ will make a new covenant with the surviving, believing Jewish remnant.**
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34-- *“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”*
 - **The scattered Jews will migrate to Israel to occupy the land promised to them.**
 - Genesis 15:18-- *“On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates”*
 - **Jesus Christ will rule over the nation of Israel in fulfillment of a covenant promise made to David.**
 - 2 Samuel 7:12-16-- *“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” ‘ ‘*
 - Isaiah 9:6-7 -- *“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”*
 - Luke 1:31-33 -- *“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”*
 - **Jesus Christ will rule in a monarchial form of government. He will ultimately be in charge of all three branches: executive, legislative, and judicial.**
 - **A resurrected David, the prophesied “prince”** will rule over Israel along with resurrected Old Testament saints.
 - **The twelve disciples** will sit as judges over the house of Israel (Matthew 19)
 - **The tribulation saints as well as you and I will rule and reign with Christ in His kingdom.**
 - **During the Kingdom, mankind will experience “peace on earth, good will to men”**
 - **The vast majority will be Christ followers, thus filled with the Spirit.**

- **The curse** placed on man and creation at the fall **will be partially lifted**, creating a more perfect environment to live and work.
- **Human disease and death will be rare.** Men and women will live a long, long time.
- **War will be a thing of the past** and the great war machines will be dismantled.
- **During the Kingdom, the nation of Israel will be center stage with the Gentiles fading in the background.**
 - The “times of the Gentiles” has come to an end when the “fifth Kingdom” smashed the four Gentile world powers and is established here on earth.
 - The living Gentiles will now acknowledge the Jews as God’s chosen people, will serve them instead of being served by them, will help to rebuild Jerusalem. Plus the wealth of the Gentile nations will flow to Israel and the Jews. Jerusalem will become the center for world commerce and trade.

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- Isaiah 2:1-5-- *“The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.”*

A. The Prominence of the Mountain

1. **The prophecy is reiterated by Micah in Micah 4:1-4.** Since God repeats it twice in Scripture, it must be important information we need to know about worship in the Kingdom.
2. **The “mountain of the Lord’s House” is identified as Mount Zion in Micah 4: 7, and thus refers to the temple mount where the Millennial temple will be built.**
3. **The “mountain of the Lord’s House” will be the highest mountain in the world!**
 - a. **During the tribulation, the world will experience severe upheavals with topographical and geographical changes.**
 - Revelation 16:18-20 -- *“And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”*
 - b. **The return of Christ at His second coming will trigger topographical changes in Jerusalem.**
 - Zechariah 14:4-- *“in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.”*
 - c. **Prophetically, it was predicted that at Christ’s second coming, that “every mountain and hill shall be brought low”.**
 - Isaiah 40:3-5-- *“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”*

4. **Now it is not revealed how high the “mountain of the Lord’s house” will be, only that it will be higher than any other mountain or hill.**

5. **But it is revealed the dimensions of the plateau at the top of this mountain will cover.**
 - *Ezekiel 45:1-7-- “Moreover, when you divide the land by lot into inheritance, you shall set apart a district for the LORD, a holy section of the land; its length shall be twenty-five thousand cubits, and the width ten thousand. It shall be holy throughout its territory all around. 2 Of this there shall be a square plot for the sanctuary, five hundred by five hundred rods, with fifty cubits around it for an open space. So this is the district you shall measure: twenty-five thousand cubits long and ten thousand wide; in it shall be the sanctuary, the Most Holy Place. It shall be a holy section of the land, belonging to the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who come near to minister to the LORD; it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary. An area twenty-five thousand cubits long and ten thousand wide shall belong to the Levites, the ministers of the temple; they shall have twenty chambers as a possession. You shall appoint as the property of the city an area five thousand cubits wide and twenty-five thousand long, adjacent to the district of the holy section; it shall belong to the whole house of Israel. The prince shall have a section on one side and the other of the holy district and the city’s property; and bordering on the holy district and the city’s property, extending westward on the west side and eastward on the east side, the length shall be side by side with one of the tribal portions, from the west border to the east border.”*

 - a. **The plateau is a square block, 25,000 by 25,000, and it is divided into three plots.**

 - b. **The center plot is 25,000 by 10,000 and is for the descendants of Zadok the priest. In the center of this section is a 500 rod by 500 rod Millennial temple area.**

 - c. **To the north is another 25,000 by 10,000 plot for the Levites** who will assist in the temple worship.

 - d. **To the south is an area 25,000 by 5,000 plot where the city of Jerusalem** will be located. This section belongs to the whole house of Israel.

6. **Now are the measurements in “cubits” or in “rods”?**
 - a. **The unit of measurement is not stated in the Hebrew text, so most English translators assume that the measurements are in “cubits”.**
 - 1) A “cubit” is equal to 18 inches.

 - 2) So the plot of land, 25,000 cubits by 25,000 cubits would equal 8.3 miles by 8.3 miles.

 - 3) The city of Jerusalem, according to Ezekiel 48 will be a square 4,500 by 4,500, and if the measurement is in cubits, it would be a city of about 1.3 miles by 1.3 miles-- less than two square miles, about the size of Berlin.

 - b. **The last time a unit of measurement is clearly stated is when the angelic messenger is measuring the temple area.**
 - *Ezekiel 42:16-20 -- “He measured the east side with the measuring rod, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around. He measured the north side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around. He measured the south side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod. He came around to the west side and measured five hundred rods by the measuring rod. He measured it on the four sides; it had a wall all around, five hundred cubits long and five hundred wide, to separate the holy areas from the common.”*

 - 1) **The messenger measured in terms of “rods”, not “cubits”** except for the 50 cubit wide open area surrounding the 500-square rod sanctuary area.

- 2) **A biblical “rod” is 10.5 feet, so 25,000 rods would equal 49.72 miles.** SO we are basically looking at an area of 50 miles by 50 miles, or 250 square miles. And the city of Jerusalem would measure 81 square miles, a much larger city. And the temple itself would be about one square mile which will not fit on the current temple mount.

B. The Proclamation from the Mountain.

- Isaiah 2:2-5-- *“Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.”*
1. **The “mountain of the Lord’s House” is going to be a magnet drawing people from all over the world to come and worship the LORD!**
 - Zechariah 8:23-- *“Thus says the LORD of hosts: “In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’”*
 2. **The draw will be the proclamation of God’s Word! Preaching and teaching will take center stage in the Kingdom.**
 - a. **Jesus Christ**, the greatest teacher who has ever lived, **will be expounding the truth of God.**
 - b. **Whether He will be expounding on already revealed truth in the Scriptures or whether He will be revealing new truth, we’re not told.**
 - c. **As the chief legislator He will be setting down Kingdom Law that will govern life in the Kingdom.**
 - d. **He will rule with a “rod of iron” so there will be no “monkey business” in His kingdom.**
 - e. **He will judge between nations, settling conflicts so that war will be a thing of the past.**
 - f. **People will be drawn to the mountain to hear the Word of the Lord!**
 3. **But they will not merely come to hear as Jesus teaches them His ways. But they will come to “walk in His paths” so that they might follow and obey Him.**
 - a. **At His first coming**, many came to hear Him teach God’s ways and were enamored by His teaching. **But his teaching fell on different kinds of soil.**
 - 1) For many, their hearts were hardened so that Satan came and snatched the seed of God’s Word before it produced fruit.
 - 2) For others their soil was shallow. They came to hear Jesus for the free meals and miracles, but when trials came their way, they fell away.
 - 3) For still others, the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choked His words so that they never produced fruit.
 - 4) Only a few responded with good soil that brought forth much fruit.
 - b. **But at His second coming**, many of the distractions that keep people from accepting Jesus’ teaching will be eliminated with the result that the seed sown by Jesus in the Kingdom will fall on good ground and bring forth much fruit. People will not only be intent on hearing God’s word by also obeying it too!

4. **The Challenge for the Jews living during Isaiah time and the challenge of us today.**

- Isaiah 2:5-- *"O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD."*
- James 1:22-25-- *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."*