

- 24b "Ah, I will get relief from my enemies  
and avenge myself on my foes.
- 25 I will turn my hand against you  
and will smelt away your dross as with lye  
and remove all your alloy.
- 26 And I will restore your judges as at the first,  
and your counselors as at the beginning.  
Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness,  
the faithful city." - called a whore in vs. 21  
ONLY GOD CAN MAKE SUCH  
A CHANGE POSSIBLE
- 27 Zion shall be redeemed by justice,  
and those in her who repent, by righteousness.
- 28 But rebels and sinners shall be broken together,  
and those who forsake the LORD shall be  
consumed.
- 29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks  
that you desired;  
and you shall blush for the gardens  
that you have chosen.
- 30 For you shall be like an oak  
whose leaf withers,  
and like a garden without water.
- 31 And the strong shall become tinder,  
and his work a spark,  
and both of them shall burn together,  
with none to quench them.

### The Mountain of the LORD

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning  
Judah and Jerusalem.

24b God will not leave matters as they are. Those who  
do evil are God's enemies, the enemies are not  
foreign nations but the wicked people of Judah.

- 25 His purpose in punishment of Judah is to restore them.  
He will purify and remove ALL unholiness from them.  
SMELT is a process using extreme heat and a bonding agent  
to remove impurities. Jesus is the bonding agent and God provides  
the heat that is designed to drive us to repent & righteousness.
- 26 His purpose is clearly for their benefit. This will bring  
them back into fellowship. Righteousness is not a  
single act but a daily way of life, repeated over & over.
- 27 A forebearer of Christ (Messianic) prophecy. The wages  
of sin will be ultimately paid in full (redeemed) by  
Christ on the cross. It still is an individual  
event requiring "repentance" or a complete change of direction.
- 28 Yet those who do not repent will be consumed.

29 Oaks or Sacred Oaks of Pagan worship, usually at top of hill.  
This Canaanite nature-worship was abhorrent to God.

Today's nature worship that replaces Him is also abhorrent.

30 Changes and compares them to tree that is dying w/out  
nourishment. The garden is the nation that is withering  
w/out presence of water (God). Jesus is living water.

31 This is a reference to eternal fires of hell that punish  
but do not consume. See Mt. 25:46 Jesus references "eternal  
fire" in Mt. 18:8 & 25:41, Luke 16:24 the rich man is in  
anguish of the flame. This punishment follows physical death.  
shall burn: but not be consumed.

1 This second message is shown to Isaiah. This section 1:2.1-4.6  
is a message of condemnation for their sins, and a promise of  
hope in restoration. This restoration is not of them but in  
the church. This is only clear looking back over history. For  
them it was a message of coming hope.

- 2 It shall come to pass in the latter days  
 that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
 and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
 and all the nations shall flow to it,  
 3 and many peoples shall come, and say:  
 "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
 to the house of the God of Jacob,  
 that he may teach us his ways  
 and that we may walk in his paths."  
 For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 4 He shall judge between the nations,  
 and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
 and 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.
- 5 O house of Jacob,  
 come, let us walk  
 in the light of the LORD.
- 6 For you have rejected your people,  
 the house of Jacob,  
 because they are full of things from the east  
 and of fortune-tellers like the Philistines, Lev. 19:31-Forbidden  
 and they strike hands with the children of  
foreigners. (Many foreigners w/ their Gods 1 K 11:2)

\* MICAH says "peoples," both show the coming universal availability  
 of God to everyone no matter their background.

Isa. 2:2-4 is also found in Micah 4:1-3 with minor variations  
 to the text. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHICH PROPHET IS QUOTING THE OTHER.

IN LATTER DAYS is a direct reference to the messianic Kingdom and  
 the church and the Christian Era. No longer is the tiny nation  
 of Judah the home of God. Through Jesus all will have access.  
 THE POETIC LANGUAGE REFERRING TO THE CHURCH AS A MOUNTAIN  
 and a house of God is striking and inspiring. THIS NEW SPIRITUAL  
 Kingdom will replace the physical one of the Old Covenant.  
 THIS KINGDOM CULMINATES IN GOD'S ABSOLUTE CONTROL. IT IS  
 a mistake to use these passages for an earthly physical  
 Kingdom. THIS ABSOLUTE PEACE WITH GOD-SOVERIGN WILL ONLY  
 come to fruition in the 3<sup>RD</sup> HEAVEN WHERE THE ONLY KING  
 IS JESUS.

THIS IS PROPHECIC & POETIC LANGUAGE AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN  
 LITERALLY. THIS IS METAPHORIC LANGUAGE TEACHING SPIRITUAL TRUTH.

\* ARE VERB FORM AND NOUN FORM OF THE SAME HEBREW WORD. "WHATEVER  
 GOD TEACHES MAN IS LAW." (JAMES 2:5) THIS IS NOT ONLY JEWISH LAW IT  
 IS UNIVERSAL LAW. THIS LAW IS THE "NEW COVENANT" OF THE  
 SAVIOR, MESSIAH, AND LORD JESUS. WITH THE FOUNDING OF THE  
 CHURCH AT PENTECOST THIS NEW LAW IS ESTABLISHED AND NOW  
 AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIS NAME, NO MATTER THEIR BACKGROUND.  
 Note: it is GOD WHO TEACHES TRUTH. "GOD AND GOD ALONE CAN TEACH  
 TEACH, FOR HE ONLY IS THE SOURCE AND FOUNDATION OF TRUTH." (YOUNG I. 46)

④ HERE WE SEE THE PEACE THAT COMES FROM KNOWING CHRIST AS SAVIOR.  
 OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST GOD HAS ENDED. WE NO LONGER SEEK EARTHLY  
 VICTORY OR POWER. THIS IS NOT ABOUT PHYSICAL PEACE BUT  
 SPIRITUAL. EVEN AS JAMES POINTS OUT WITH THE MESSAGE OF  
 REVELATION, SINFUL MAN WILL FIGHT AND REBEL RIGHT UP TO  
 THE LAST TRUMPET BLAST.

⑤ THE CALL TO WALK IS TO LEARN OR UNDERSTAND FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW.  
 ⑥ REJECTED OR TURNED HIS BACK ON THE PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THEIR SIN.  
 SOME OF THESE SINS ARE LISTED (YSS. 6-8) AND FOLLOWED BY  
 HOW GOD WILL TREAT THEM BECAUSE OF THEIR SINS WHICH  
 HAVE LED THEM AWAY. GOD'S PROMISE IN 1 SAM 12:22 TO NEVER  
 FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE IS FOLLOWED WITH THE CONDITION OF THEIR  
 CONTINUED OBEDIENCE 1 SAM 12:22-25.

- 7 Their land is filled with silver and gold,  
and there is no end to their treasures;  
their land is filled with horses,  
and there is no end to their chariots.
- 8 Their land is filled with idols;  
they bow down to the work of their hands,  
to what their own fingers have made.
- 9 So man is humbled,  
and each one is brought low—  
do not forgive them!
- 10 Enter into the rock  
and hide in the dust  
from before the terror of the LORD,  
and from the splendor of his majesty.
- 11 The haughty looks of man shall be brought  
low,  
and the lofty pride of men shall be humbled,  
and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. used 42x5 in Is.
- 12 For the LORD of hosts has a day  
against all that is proud and lofty,  
against all that is lifted up—and it shall be  
brought low;
- 13 against all the cedars of Lebanon,  
lofty and lifted up;  
and against all the oaks of Bashan;
- 14 against all the lofty mountains,  
and against all the uplifted hills;
- 15 against every high tower,  
and against every fortified wall;

- ⑦ THE people have so much they do not need God. He has been replaced with a SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THEY do not look to God for protection they have horses and chariots to protect themselves.
- ⑧ Lowering their standards has allowed other God's to be worshipped. THE FOREIGN WIVES mentioned in Is. 2:6 they allowed their sons to marry, brought their foreign gods & taught their children to worship them instead of JEHOWAH.
- ⑨-10 THE results are a lowering or humbling. Even as standards are lowered so are moral standards. Now, without God, they try to hide because they are aware of God's displeasure, but not enough to change.
- ⑪ WHAT is coming is Judgment. Here it is physical. God is running out of patience. One way or another God will be exalted. Jesus said if the people did not praise Him the rocks would cry out. (Luka 19:40) Even the wicked will bow before Him. (Isa 45:23f; Rom 14:11; Phil 2:10)
- IN THAT DAY IS A DAY OF JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED. IT can be seen as the Judgment of Judah, or the Final Judgment of ALL. Only God will be exalted in the end. Man's striving is in vain. Appears in USS. 11, 17, 20; 3:7, 18; 4:1, 2.
- 12-22 THE coming judgment will be complete and God alone will be victorious.
- ⑬-16 There will be no place to hide, and no stronghold will stop HIM. When God moves to judge and punish He will accomplish it easily.

- 16 against all the ships of Tarshish,  
and against all the beautiful craft.
- 17 And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled,  
and the lofty pride of men shall be  
brought low,  
and the LORD alone will be exalted in  
that day.
- 18 And the idols shall utterly pass away.
- 19 And people shall enter the caves of the rocks  
and the holes of the ground,  
from before the terror of the LORD,  
and from the splendor of his majesty,  
when he rises to terrify the earth.
- 20 In that day mankind will cast away  
their idols of silver and their idols of gold,  
which they made for themselves to worship,  
to the moles and to the bats,
- 21 to enter the caverns of the rocks  
and the clefts of the cliffs,  
from before the terror of the LORD,  
and from the splendor of his majesty,  
when he rises to terrify the earth.
- 22 Stop regarding man  
in whose nostrils is breath,  
for of what account is he?

#### Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

**3** For behold, the Lord GOD of hosts  
is taking away from Jerusalem and from Judah

- 18 THE GODS OF THE PEOPLE WILL BE USELESS. WITH THE JUDGMENT OF MAN COMES THE SWEEPING AWAY OF ANY HOPE THEY HAVE IN THEIR FALSE GODS.
- 19 THIS IMAGE IS USED BY JESUS TO SHOW HOW SINNERS WILL FLEE FROM GOD. ALSO USED IN REV. TO SHOW HOW SINNERS TRY AND HIDE FROM THE JUDGMENT OF GOD. THIS IMAGE IS REPEATED IN VS. 21
- 20 THE IDOLS WILL BE SEEN AS USELESS AND WILL BE CAST ASIDE IN JUDGMENT OF GOD. MEN WILL LEAVE THEIR IDOLS AND FLEE TO TRY AND HIDE FROM THE JUDGMENT OF GOD.
- 1 GOD IS COMPLETELY WITHDRAWING HIS SUPPORT. THIS IS BOTH PHYSICAL NEEDS VS. 1 AND ANY LEADERSHIP OR WISDOM HE COULD HAVE PROVIDED. EVEN THE BASICS OF BREAD AND WATER ARE REMOVED.