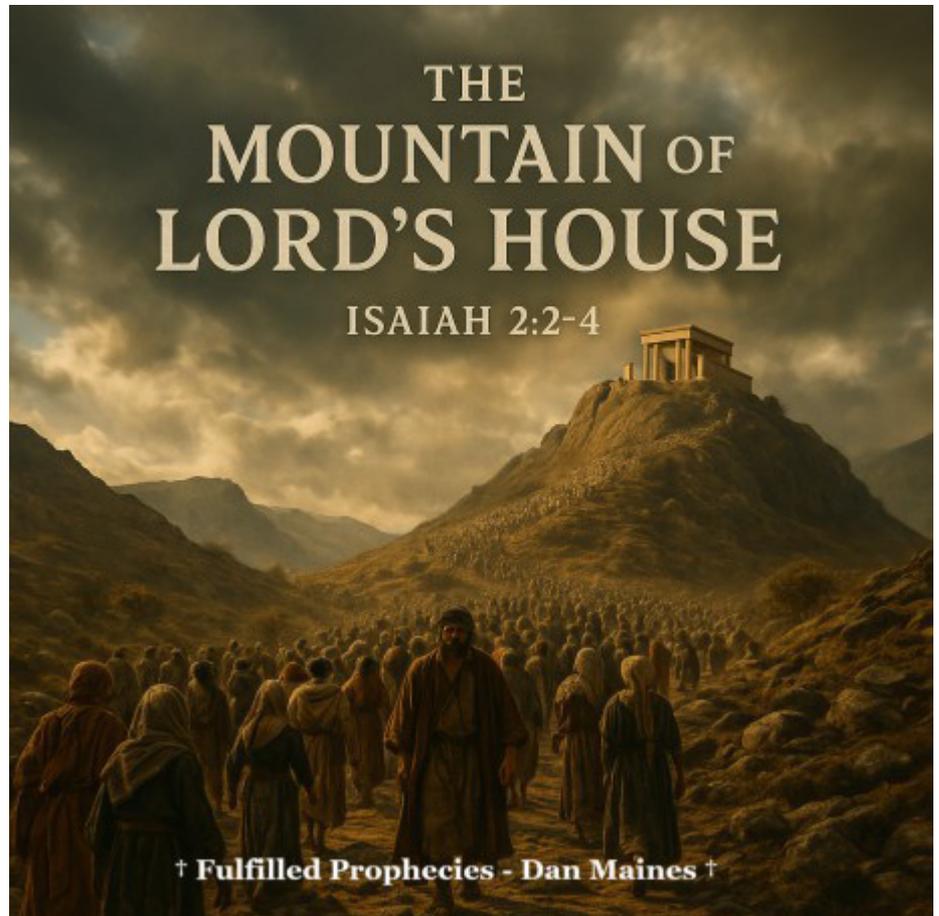


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Isaiah 2:2

Now it will come about that in the last days, the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills, and all the nations will stream to it.

† The phrase "last days" refers not to the end of the physical world but to the end of the Old Covenant age. (Hebrews 1:1-2;

Acts 2:16-17; 1 Corinthians 10:11)

† The "mountain of the Lord's house" represents the spiritual Kingdom that would be established through Christ. (Daniel 2:44; Daniel 7:13-14)

† This mountain wasn't a literal place, but the New Covenant order, the true dwelling of God with His people. (Hebrews 12:22-23)

† The exaltation of this mountain above the hills signifies the supremacy of Christ's Kingdom over all earthly powers and systems of worship. It was established at His ascension and fully manifested after the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70. (Philippians 2:9-10; Matthew 28:18; Psalm 110:1-2; Ephesians 1:20-23)

Isaiah 2:3

And many peoples will 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 concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

† This prophecy was fulfilled as the gospel went forth from Jerusalem to all nations after Pentecost. (Luke 24:47; Acts 2:1-5; Acts 2:5-11; Malachi 1:11)

† The "law" that proceeded from Zion wasn't the old Mosaic code but the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2; Romans 8:2; Hebrews 7:12; 2 Corinthians 3:6-11)

† In Acts 1:8, Jesus told His disciples they'd be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. This matches Isaiah's vision of the nations streaming to the true Zion to learn God's ways. (Acts 1:8; Matthew 24:14)

† The "house of Jacob" became the church, the spiritual household of faith where both Jew and Gentile are united. (Ephesians 2:19-22; Galatians 3:28-29; 1 Peter 2:9-10)

Isaiah 2:4

And He will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples; and they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war.

† Christ's rule brings peace, not by abolishing conflict between earthly governments, but by transforming hearts. Those who enter His Kingdom stop warring against God and one another. (Romans 5:1; Colossians 1:20; John 14:27; Romans 14:17)

† The true peace Isaiah saw was covenantal. The enmity between Jew and Gentile was destroyed in Christ, creating one new man. (Ephesians 2:14-16)

† This wasn't a political prophecy of world disarmament but a spiritual reality that came when Christ reigned from His heavenly throne, establishing a Kingdom of peace and righteousness that'll never end. (John 18:36; Isaiah 9:6-7; 2 Corinthians 10:4; Romans 12:18)

Historical References Supporting Isaiah 2:2-4

† **Justin Martyr (AD 155, Dialogue with Trypho, Chapter 119)**
Justin saw Isaiah 2:2-4 as fulfilled through Christ and the Church. He wrote that the prophecy was fulfilled among us, for we are the true Israel of God, born in Christ. He interpreted the mountain of the Lord as the Church rising above all nations and the word from Jerusalem as the gospel going forth from the apostles after Christ's resurrection.

† Irenaeus (AD 180, Against Heresies, Book 4, Chapter 21)

Irenaeus said that the word went forth from Jerusalem as Christ commanded, linking this directly with the apostles teaching all nations. He identified Zion's exaltation as the establishment of the Church and the plowshares imagery as peace brought through the gospel.

† Eusebius (AD 320, Demonstratio Evangelica, Book 2, Chapter 3)

Eusebius explicitly quoted Isaiah 2:2-4, declaring it fulfilled when the gospel began to be preached from Jerusalem. He wrote that this mountain is clearly the Church of the living God, which has filled the whole earth. He said the nations streaming to it referred to Gentiles entering the faith after Pentecost.

† Tertullian (AD 197, An Answer to the Jews, Chapter 9)

Tertullian cited Isaiah 2 to prove that the law had gone out from Zion in the form of the gospel. He contrasted the law of liberty in Christ with the Mosaic law, saying that this showed the old covenant had already passed away and the new had come.

† Clement of Alexandria (AD 195, Stromata, Book 4, Chapter 16)

Clement quoted Isaiah 2:3 and said that the law from Zion referred to the teachings of the Lord which had now reached the whole world. He saw the prophecy as fully realized through the Church's establishment and global mission.

† The Epistle of Barnabas (AD 100–120, Chapter 16)

Barnabas described the new spiritual temple as replacing the physical temple of Jerusalem, saying, We are building up the temple of the Lord ourselves. This echoes Isaiah's image of the mountain of the Lord being exalted above the old order.

† Lactantius (AD 305, Divine Institutes, Book 4, Chapter 20)

He connected Isaiah 2's vision of peace with Christ's Kingdom, saying, The swords of men are turned into plowshares by the

knowledge of the truth, for none now wage war against his neighbor in Christ.

† **Josephus (AD 75, Wars of the Jews, Book 6.9)**

While Josephus doesn't quote Isaiah, his account of the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 gives historical confirmation of the old order's end, exactly as your sermon notes.

How it applies to us today

† We now live in the mountain of the Lord's house, the New Jerusalem, where peace with God and unity among His people is our present inheritance. (Hebrews 12:22-24; Revelation 21:2-3)

† The weapons of flesh have been replaced with tools of fruitfulness. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Romans 6:13)

† We no longer battle for an earthly kingdom, for the Kingdom has come and fills the earth through His truth and righteousness. (Colossians 1:13; Matthew 13:31-33)

† Every time we live by His Word, we prove that Isaiah's prophecy stands fulfilled in the reign of Christ today. (Luke 17:20-21; Hebrews 12:28)

† **This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies** †

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† Scripture shown above

† Micah 4:1-3 parallels Isaiah's vision of the same mountain

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