

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

*Part 217 – Concerning Judah & Jerusalem Through Cease From Man (Isaiah 2:1-22)*

1. As we begin chapter two, who did Isaiah have a vision concerning?

Judah and Jerusalem: *“The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:1).*

- **Isaiah 1:1, Amos 1:1, and Micah 1:1.**
- The city of Jerusalem had people from Judah and Benjamin dwelling there (**I Kings 12:21**). That continued after Babylonian captivity (**Ezra 1:5; 10:9**).

2. When was the mountain of the Lord’s house going to be established?

In the last days: *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it” (Isaiah 2:2).*

- **Micah 4:1-2.**
- The last days began in the first century immediately after the ascension of Christ into Heaven (**Acts 2:14-17** and **Hebrews 1:1-2**).
- The house of the Lord is the church/kingdom (**I Timothy 3:15** and **Hebrews 3:6**; cf. **Colossians 1:12-23** and **Hebrews 12:22-23**).
- Herein we also learn that ALL nations shall flow unto it (**Ephesians 2:11-17**).
- All nations were always part of God’s promise to Abraham (**Genesis 22:18** and **Galatians 3:8**).
- When you study through the Scriptures referring to the kingdom being established in Jerusalem, the coming of it with power during the time of Roman rule (**Daniel 2:31-45**, **Mark 9:1**, and **Acts 1:6-8**).

3. When the Lord’s house was to be established, where would His law begin to be taught?

Zion, Jerusalem: *“And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:3).*

- **Luke 24:47**; cf. **Acts 2:1-41**. All nations are able to come to the Lord through His word (**Matthew 28:18-20**, **Mark 16:15-16**, and **Romans 16:26**).

4. At the establishment of the Lord’s house, who would be rebuked?

Many: *“And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Isaiah 2:4).*

- **Acts 17:30-31.**

- In the kingdom of Christ, warfare and weaponry is not carnal (**II Corinthians 10:3-4, Ephesians 6:10-18, I Thessalonians 5:8, and I Timothy 6:12**).

5. What did God want Israel to walk in?

The light of the Lord: *"O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5).*

- **Ephesians 5:8-11 and I John 1:3-7.**

6. Why did the Lord, in this vision Isaiah is having concerning Judah, forsake His people?

Because of their many transgressions: *"(6) Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers. (7) Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots: (8) Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made: (9) And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not" (Isaiah 2:6-9).*

- They had soothsayers [practices magic; Strong's # 6049] (**Joshua 13:22 and Micah 5:12**).
- Pleased themselves in the children of strangers (**Exodus 34:10-16 and Deuteronomy 7:1-4**).
- They had plenty of treasures, horses, and chariots (**Jeremiah 5:25-29 and Isaiah 31:1**).
- From the lowly and the great, they had turned to worshipping idols (**Exodus 20:3-6, Leviticus 19:4, Psalms 81:9, I Corinthians 10:14, and I John 5:21**).

7. Did those whom had exalted themselves have anything to fear?

Yes: *"(10) Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. (11) The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. (12) For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low: (13) And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan, (14) And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up, (15) And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, (16) And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures. (17) And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day" (Isaiah 2:10-17).*

- **Psalms 18:27, Isaiah 13:11, Jeremiah 50:31-32, Malachi 4:1, James 4:6-10, and I Peter 5:5-6.**

8. Would the idols, that man had learned to trust in, be able to survive the wrath of God?

NO: *"(18) And the idols he shall utterly abolish. (19) And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. (20) In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; (21) To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isaiah 2:18-21).*

- **Hosea 2:17, Micah 5:13-14, Zephaniah 2:11, and Zechariah 13:2.**

9. Did the Lord want His people to trust in man?

No: *"Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of" (Isaiah 2:22)?*

- **Psalms 118:8-9, Psalms 146:3, Isaiah 30:1-7, and Jeremiah 17:5.**