

ANOTHER OUTLINE OF 2:2-4 (MOTYER 1993: 53-54)

- “A Fact: Zion the centre of world-wide attraction (2)
 - The undated future (2a)
 - Supreme exaltation (2bc)
 - Universal inflow (2d)
- B Recognition: Zion the centre of world-wide revelation (3)
 - Nationalism set aside and recognition of the God of Jacob (3a)
 - Pre-commitment to learn from the Lord and to walk in his ways (3b)
 - The reality of revelation in Zion (3c)
- C Blessing: Zion the centre of world-wide peace (4)
 - Divine authority imposed (4a)
 - International response: the transformation of weapons (4b)
 - The end of war whether in act or intent (4c)”

QUOTATIONS

Of verse 2: “Mountains were widely held to be the homes of the gods. The exaltation of *the mountain of the LORD’s temple/‘house’*, the mountain where he lives, typifies therefore a supernatural triumph of the Lord over all gods....The incongruity of a *stream* flowing upwards to earth’s highest point is intentional; a supernatural magnetism is at work” (Motyer 1993: 54).

“This new era will inaugurate a series of new relationships between (a) God and his dwelling place in Zion, (b) God and the people who come to hear him teach, and (c) God and various warring nations. God will transform the present world by his presence, his teaching, and his just judgment” (Smith 2007: 129).

PASSAGES FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

Psalms 2, 72, 87, 110; Isaiah 4:2-6; 56:1-8; Micah 4:1-5; Malachi 1:11; Romans 11:11-36

SOURCES CITED

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Gary V. Smith, *Isaiah 1-39*, The New American Commentary, 2007.

ISAIAH 2

Verses 1-5 (NIV)

2 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

²In the last days

the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established
as chief among the mountains;
it will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, O house of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

OUTLINE

SUPERScription (2:1)

EXALTATION OF JERUSALEM/WORLD'S CAPITAL (2:2)

EXALTATION OF THE WORD OF GOD/WORLDWIDE OBEDIENCE (2:3)

EXALTATION OF THE LORD/WORLDWIDE PEACE (2:4)

INVITATION TO ISRAEL (2:5)

KINGDOMS IN ISAIAH 1-12

Man's kingdom	God's kingdom
People reject God's law (5:24; 10:1-2)	People come to hear God's law (2:1-4)
Wars between nations (5:28; 7:1; 10:6)	End of war (2:4)
Land full of gold and idols (2:7-8)	People reject gold and idols (2:18-20)
People and possessions exalted (2:7-16)	God alone exalted (2:11, 17; 5:16; 12:4)
People proud (2:11, 17; 3:16; 5:15; 9:8; 10:12)	People humbled (2:11, 17; 5:15; 10:12)
Trusting man (2:22; 7:12; 10:13)	Trusting God (7:9; 8:17; 10:20; 12:2)
Zion sinful (3:9; 5:8-24; 6:5; 8:6, 19)	Zion will be holy and cleansed (4:2-3)
Man is not holy (6:5, 9-10)	God is holy (6:3; 8:13)
Earth is in darkness (8:22-9:1)	God is light (9:1-2; 10:17)
Woe and gloom (5:8-24; 8:22; 10:1, 5)	Joy (9:3; 12:3, 6)
Wicked kings (7:12; 9:14-17; 10:12)	Just and righteous king (9:6-7; 11:4-5)
No fear of God; fear of man (5:12; 7:2; 8:12)	Fear of God (11:3; 8:13; 12:2)
Do not know God (5:19; 6:9)	Will know the Lord (11:9; 12:4-5)

(Adapted from Smith 2007: 123-24)

Matthew 4:17 "From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.'"

Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."