

**“The Mountain of the LORD”**  
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**CORE:** We will influence the “7 mountains” of our society—based from the **Mountain of the Lord—His place of ultimate perspective!** *NOTE-* The “mountain of the Lord” is the place where God reveals Himself & people encounter Him.

**ISAIAH 2:1-5**

NOTE: **Micah 4:1-2** is almost verbatim of Isaiah 2; **Psalm 24:3** refers to this mountain as “**His holy place**”; **Daniel 2:35** speaks of the Kingdom of God brought to earth by Jesus as a “**huge mountain filling the whole earth.**”

NOTE: While the earthly “mountains” are places of influence & limited authority, these mountains **tremble (Isaiah 64:1-3), melt like wax (Psalm 97:5), become valleys (Zech. 4:7), or dissolve like smoke (Psalm 37:16) “at the Presence of the LORD.”** In short, He TRANSFORMS THEM!

**1. ALL are being DRAWN TO HIM**

*“The mountain of the Lord will be established as chief among the mountains...all the nations will stream to it.” (v. 2)*

- Streaming “up” a mountain defies natural law—so will be the supernatural draw upon the nations (NOTE current missions trends in China, Africa, Asia).
- God loves nations, cities, people-groups, and families. Genesis 12:3- “In you (Abraham) all the families of the earth will be blessed!”
  - Jesus: “If I am lifted up (on the cross) I will draw all people to Me.” (John 12:32).
  - He broke the dividing walls between Jew & Gentile (Eph. 2:14)
  - (Acts 2) Every tribe & tongue heard the praises of God
  - (Acts 10) Door swung wide open to Gentiles
- New PERSPECTIVE (“He will teach us His ways”)—IN-STRUCT—place “new structure within”
- New PURPOSE (“so that we may walk in His paths”)—empowering our will & our ability (Phil. 2:13)

**2. There will also be INCREASED RECONCILIATION**

*He will “settle disputes for many people.” (v. 4)*

- There will be a “turning of hearts” toward one another (Malachi); fresh connection where there was offense, distrust, & division.

- “Swords/spears” (mindsets that produced & prolonged bitter divisions) will be “forged” (i.e., softened, made flexible) into “plows/pruning hooks” (productive & fruitful interactions & co-laboring).

### 3. There will be INCREASED REVELATION (wisdom & insight)

*“Let us walk in the light of the Lord.” (v. 5)*

- Solomon’s response to his “one request” offer: *“Give Your servant an understanding heart.” (1 Kings 3:9).*
  - (Understanding) *shama*- *“to hear in the present”* (i.e., the result of being present to His Presence)
- We have even BETTER opportunities than Solomon. Lit.- *“Far more wonderful promises!”* (Hebrews 8:6 TPT).
  - *“If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” (John 14:14)*
  - *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you.” (John 15:7)*
  - *“Whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you...Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be full.” (John 16:24)*
  - This is more than “one wish”—an on-going covenant promise!

#### APPLICATION:

- Following Hebrews 8:6 (in verses 8 -12) is the prophecy from Jeremiah 31:31-34 declaring Israel’s embrace of Jesus as Messiah: *“ALL will know (Him), from the most unlikely to the most distinguished”* (verse 11). From God’s “chief mountain” we declare that *“The House of Jacob”* (Israel) will *“walk in the light of the Lord”*?
- Instead of praying “get-me-thru-this” prayers—we pray “breakthrough prayers!”
- We move from purely praying for protection & defense—and move on the offense? *(i.e., hotel rooms)*
- We move from being defined by/controlled by our conflicts—and pray for more than “us”—interceding for our cities & nations!