

Biblical Notes — Isaiah 2:2-4

2-4 – 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. [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. [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.

בְּיָמֵינוּ | בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים יִבָּנוּ יְהוָה הַר בֵּית־יְהוָה בְּרֹאשׁ הַהָרִים וְנִשָּׂא מִגְבָּעוֹת וְגִבְרֵי אֱלֹהֵי כָל־הַגּוֹיִם: גִּוְהָלָכוּ עַמִּים רַבִּים וְאָמְרוּ לְכוּ | וְנַעֲלֶה אֶל־הַר־יְהוָה אֶל־בֵּית אֱלֹהֵינוּ יַעֲקֹב וְיִרְנֹנוּ מִדְּרָכָיו וְנִלְכֶה בְּאַחֲרֵיתוֹ דִּי מַצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תוֹרָה וְדִבְרֵי־יְהוָה מִיְרוּשָׁלַם: דּוֹשְׁפֹט בֵּין הַגּוֹיִם וְהוֹכִים לְעַמִּים רַבִּים וְכִתְּלוּ סִרְבוּתָם לְאֱלֹהִים וְתַנִּיתוּתֵיהֶם לְמַזְמֵלוֹת לֹא־יֵשָׂא גּוֹי אֶל־גּוֹי חֶרֶב וְלֹא־יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה:

“The most glaring problem with the amillennial view, which sees a present-day fulfillment of these passages, is its prediction of international harmony among the nations of the world. According to these prophecies, because of the kingdom reign of Messiah-and more specifically, because of the judgments and decisions rendered by Him as He rules from Jerusalem (Isa 2:3; Mic 4: 2) -the nations of the world will live in peace, no longer having need of military weapons, for never again will they wage war against one another (Isa 2:4; Mic 4: 3). It is impossible to argue that this kind of international harmony among the nations exists as a present reality, and therefore Isaiah 2: 2-4 and Micah 4:1-3 cannot be understood as being fulfilled in the current age.”

— Matthew W. Waymeyer, *Amillennialism and the Age to Come : A Premillennial Critique of the Two-Age Model* (The Woodlands, Tx, Kress Christian Publications, 2016), 24-25.

“Are the nations at present streaming to the church to learn the ways of God and walk in his paths? Is Christ really “settling disputes” today for peoples with the result that the nations are turning their weapons into plowshares? It is plain that these questions cannot be answered positively except by an unnatural bending of the text—a bending that would have been quite foreign to the original readers.”

— Robert L. Saucy, *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism: The Interface Between Dispensational and Non-Dispensational Theology*, 239.

“God will restore order to the earth in the sense that political peace among all nations and the complete absence of Military conflict will come to pass.”

— Sam Storms, *Kingdom Come: The Amillennial Alternative* [Ross-Shire, Scotland: Mentor, 2013], 32

“Christians today are positionally related to a city that is yet to come (Heb 13:4), but this positional relationship to the coming New Jerusalem does not prove that Isaiah 2:2-4 is fulfilled today.”

— Michael J. Vlach, *Isaiah and International Harmony Among the Nations* [Part 2]: Does the Church Fulfill Isaiah 2?

Sailhamer says the law which goes forth is the New Covenant Law mentioned in Jer 31:33...[Rendering Decisions]; “...judge between the nations...” and “...render decisions for many peoples...”

“while this activity obviously belongs to the time of the Messiah’s reign, it cannot yet be assigned to the perfected state of eternity.”

— Robert L. Saucy, *The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism: The Interface Between Dispensational and Non-Dispensational Theology*, 238.

“The attempt of amillennial scholars...to find a literal fulfillment of Isaiah’s visions in an earthly eternal state does not do full justice to the content of the visions themselves. Though commendable for its focus on the physical dimensions of Isaiah’s visions, the interpretation of the visions as a description of the eternal state overlooks the manifest “this worldly” scope of the prophecies themselves.”

— Sailhamer, *Evidence from Isaiah 2*, 101.

