

# INITIATION INTO ISAIAH

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## CHAPTER TWO

### **THEME:**

Prophecy concerning the last days: the Kingdom and the Great Tribulation.

### **REMARKS:**

Chapters 2 through 5 constitute one complete prophecy. These chapters look beyond the present to the last days concerning Israel (total nation of 12 tribes).

The last days of Israel need to be distinguished from the last days of the Church.

- The last days of the Church pertain to the time of spiritual apostasy (I Timothy 4:1, 2; II Timothy 3: 1-7).
- The last days of Israel relate to the Great Tribulation immediately preceding the establishing of the Kingdom.

Mark this distinction and it will help avoid confusion in the study of prophecy, especially this prophecy.

There is another element in the study of Isaiah that will make for clarity of understanding. When Isaiah speaks of Israel, Judah and Jerusalem, he means exactly these people and places. This may seem rather trite and obvious. But in view of the fact that some scholars today attempt to identify these with the Church, it is well to keep this in mind.

Israel means Israel, Judah means Judah and Jerusalem means Jerusalem unless the prophet lets you know he is making another application.

Beware of the fallacy of spiritualizing prophecy in conformity to some outmoded theological cliché which fits into some church's program.

### **OUTLINE:**

1. **Picture of JERUSALEM IN THE LAST DAYS, the Kingdom here on Earth.** Verses 1-5
2. **Picture of the GREAT TRIBULATION Preceding the Kingdom.** Verses 6-22

## COMMENTS:

Verse 1—**The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.**

“**Judah and Jerusalem**” mean exactly this. This has no reference to the Church. The Church is not in Isaiah. Christ the Saviour is in Isaiah, and there will be many spiritual applications for us as we proceed.

Verse 2—**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.**

- “**The last days**” refer to the Great Tribulation (see REMARKS).
- “**Mountains**” refers to the Kingdom (Daniel 2:35: Revelation 13:1).

Verse 3—**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.**

Jerusalem will be both the religious capital and the political capital during the Kingdom. The Kingdom referred to in Isaiah is the Millennium in Revelation.

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