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## The Book of Isaiah

- chapters 1-5 function as a preface – an anatomy of the nation of Judah as Isaiah begins his ministry
- 1:2-31 – an anatomy of rebellion (national, religious, and social)
- 2:1-4:6 – from the Jerusalem that is to the Jerusalem that will be

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## “In That Day”

1. The Future (Ideal) Jerusalem (2:1-4)

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<sup>2</sup> 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.  
<sup>3</sup> 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.

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<sup>4</sup> 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.  
(Isaiah 2:2-4)

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## **“In That Day”**

### **1. The Future (Ideal) Jerusalem (2:1-4)**

- Zion is the center of world pilgrimage, revelation and peace – Yahweh alone worshipped
- re-expresses the Abrahamic promise of universal blessing in terms of a new center – Zion
- this vision has been inaugurated with Christ's coming and will be consummated at His return

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## **“In That Day”**

### **2. The Present Jerusalem (2:5-9)**

- full but empty – filled with everything contrary to the future/ideal Jerusalem
- exchanging the worship of God for anything else (idolatry) results in the loss of human dignity – forgiveness is unthinkable!

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## **“In That Day”**

### **3. The Day of the Lord (2:10-22)**

- a day in reserve that is especially the Lord's when He intervenes notably and finally
- all human pride and every empty boast/trust will be abased – Yahweh alone will be exalted! (cf. Rev. 6:15-17)

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## **“In That Day”**

### **➤ Cease from man!**

- man (or self) is no value as an object of trust – his life is derived from God and very transitory
- trust in/worship Yahweh alone in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ (cf. Phil. 2:9-11; Ps. 2:11-12)

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