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Zion's Pathetic Present Condition and Judgment to Follow 2:5 to 4:1



Isaiah's message is that, because of **Isra'el's** pathetic present condition, judgment will follow. This judgment will precede any establishment of the Kingdom mentioned in **2:2-4**. In light of what will happen in the future, **Isaiah** now questions **Judah**. If **Gentiles** are going to be saying this in the future, how much more should **Jews** be saying it in the time of **Isaiah**? Is there a sharp contrast with the **Jerusalem** of **Isaiah's** day, and the **Jerusalem** of the future? In the future, **God's** truth will overflow from **Yerushalayim**. But in **Isaiah's** day, **Jerusalem** was the center of apostasy. In the future, **ADONAI** alone is worshiped, but in **Isaiah's** day the city was overgrown with idolatry. In the future, there is no war, but now the engines of war would characterize **Tziyon**. Earlier, **Isaiah** was characterized by prophetic foresight, but now **he** is characterized by prophetic insight, as **he** shows the true spiritual condition of **the Holy City** during his day.

We need to listen to **Isaiah's** words carefully. Many believers today think that when difficulties arise, **ADONAI** has abandoned them, or that Satan is attacking them. In many cases, what is being experienced is **God's** judgment. We are experiencing the effects of sin in our lives. But it is not a cruel **God** who brings those things upon us, and it is not a rejecting **God** who abandons us to the fire. Rather, it is a loving **LORD** who sees no other way to bring us to the place where **He** can live in us. Although **God** wants us to be happy, **His** primary concern is that we are holy.⁹