

Understanding the Last Days in Isaiah 2:1-4

I. Prophetic Vision of Isaiah 2	II. Dark Background of Isaiah 1	III. Blessed Fulfilment in Acts 2	IV. Wider Biblical Teaching
<p>Orogeny (2) (elevated mount)</p>	<p>Low Spiritually (5-6, 11-15)</p>	<p>Heavenly exaltation of Christ and His throne (30-36)</p>	<p>Christ's heavenly ascension and session, even in the Psalms (Ps. 2, 24, 47, 68, 110)</p> <p>Heavenly Jerusalem and temple (Gal. 4:26; Heb. 11:22-24)</p>
<p>Instruction (3) (promulgated doctrine)</p>	<p>OT, little and false (10, 23)</p>	<p>Rich uncompromised NT gospel (14-40, 42)</p>	<p>NT on apostasy in last days (I Tim. 4; II Tim. 3; II Pet. 3; I John 2; Jude)</p> <p>Teaching church (Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 4:11; I Tim. 3:16)</p>
<p>Peace (4) (weapons to farm implements)</p>	<p>Strife and infighting (17, 21-23)</p>	<p>Communion of the saints in Christ (41-47)</p>	<p>NT on strife in workplace and church in last days (e.g., James 5; II Tim. 3)</p> <p>Wars between nations (Matt. 24:6-7; Rev. 6:3- 4) and persecution of believers (Matt. 10:34- 39; Rev. 11), but peace <i>among believers</i> (Matt. 5:9; Eph. 4:1-3; Col. 3:12-15)</p>
<p>Catholicity (2, 3, 4)</p>	<p>Largely unbelieving Jews (2-4, 8-10)</p>	<p>Age, gender and status (17-18) Jews and proselytes from many lands (8-11, 21; cf. 1:8)</p>	<p>Important theme in gospel accounts (e.g., Matt. 8:11), epistles (e.g., Gal. 3:28-29; Eph. 2:11-22; Col. 3:11) and Revelation (e.g., Rev. 5:9; 7:9; 21:24)</p>