

**“In The Last Days...”**  
**Isaiah 2:1-5**

- I. Isaiah’s Declaration of the “Last Days”
  - A. Establishment of the “mountain of the Lord” (2)
    - 1. The idea of Zion
    - 2. Zion is a metaphor for Jerusalem throughout most of Scripture
  - B. The work of “Zion/Jerusalem”
    - 1. Nations will flow into it
      - a. To learn God’s truth
      - b. To learn God’s way
    - 2. The “mountain” will teach the Word of the Lord
    - 3. The “mountain” will settle disputes among the nations
    - 4. The “mountain” will bring about unprecedented peace
  - C. The effect of “Zion/Jerusalem” being established – people walk in the light of the Lord
- II. Tracing The Theme of “Last Days” Through Scripture
  - A. Genesis to Revelation in Scope
  - B. Old Testament “Last Days”
    - 1. Jacob’s prophecy about Judah (Genesis 49:1, 8-12)
      - a. “Days to come” – same Hebrew construction as “Last Days” in Isaiah
      - b. Jesus in Jacob’s prophecy to Judah

- 1) Praised/worshipped by His brothers
  - 2) Victor over His enemies
  - 3) Lion: picture of power and Strength (Revelation 5:5)
  - 4) King – Scepter
  - 5) Submission of the nations (peoples)
  - 6) Judgment and sacrifice – blood/wine motifs
- 2. “One from Jacob” – Balaam’s prophecy to Balak in Numbers 24:14-19
    - a. Latter days
    - b. Jesus in Balaam’s prophecy
      - 1) Seen, but not now (One to come)
      - 2) Behold Him, but not near (in a time far off)
      - 3) Star (Revelation 22:16)
      - 4) Scepter – King
      - 5) Victor over enemies
      - 6) Dominion and Judgment
- 3. Latter Days in Jeremiah
    - a. 23:16-22
      - 1) False prophets declaring false hope
      - 2) Judgment on the prophets and their message
    - b. 30:4-24
      - 1) God’s people saved from distress

- 2) David “will be raised up for them”
- 3) Discipline and Deliverance (creation, fall, redemption)
- 4) The “city” shall be rebuilt on its “mound”
- 5) The people shall worship and be multiplied
- 6) Incarnation – 21
  - i. Prince shall be one of themselves
  - ii. Ruler in their midst
  - iii. He will be able to approach the Most High God
- 7) A final judgment is coming
  - c. 48:47 & 49:39 – The redemption of those who were enemies and foreigners
4. Last Days in Ezekiel (38:14-16)
  - a. A great suffering to come on God’s people
  - b. A great deliverance to be had
  - c. Coupled with the pouring out of the Spirit of God on the people of God (39:28-29)
  - d. Culminating in an “eschatological temple” (40-47)
5. Last Days in Daniel
  - a. 2:28-29, 45 – Kingdom images

- 1) A kingdom shall be victorious
- 2) That kingdom shall have no end
- 3) It is called, “a stone not cut by human hand”
- b. 10-12 – Resurrection
  - 1) Many “unclear things” in these chapters
  - 2) Clearest thing – “the end of the end” has a physical resurrection to everlasting life or everlasting contempt
6. Last Days in Micah (4:1-4)
  - a. Replica of Isaiah 2:1-4, except:
  - b. Under the vine, the fig tree, not afraid

#### C. New Testament “Last Days”

1. Resurrection “now and then”
  - a. John 5:24-29
  - b. John 6:40
2. Spirit Coming as the beginning of the “last days” – Acts 2:17 (cf., Joel 2:28-32)
3. Jesus’ coming and message as beginning of “last days” – Hebrews 1:1-2
4. Full salvation “to be revealed” began at first coming of Jesus
  - a. Already, not yet tension of present last days
  - b. 1 Peter 1:5-20

5. Scoffers who mock believers for the Second Coming – 2 Peter 3:3-4
6. MOST EXPLICIT: 1 John 2:18
  - a. It is the last hour (x2)
  - b. Antichrist is coming (not yet)
  - c. Antichrists have come (already)

2. John 1:4

III. Seeing the First Coming of Jesus And the Establishment of the Church As the Beginning of the Fulfillment of the “Last Days”

A. Establishment of Zion/Jerusalem

1. The New Testament calls the church:
  - a. The household of God
  - b. The building being built up
  - c. A Holy Temple
  - d. A dwelling of God
  - e. A chosen people
  - f. A holy nation
  - g. A royal priesthood
  - h. Living Stones
  - i. The bride
  - j. The “heavenly Jerusalem”
2. See: Acts 9:31; Galatians 4:21-31; Ephesians 2:11-22; 5:22-33; Hebrews 3:1-6; 12:18-29; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 3:12; Revelation 21

B. The work of the mountain/city

1. Nations flow into it
2. Teaches the Word
3. Settles disputes
4. Unprecedented peace

C. The Effect of the Mountain – walk in the Light of the Lord

1. Matthew 5:14