

THE FINAL ARMISTICE

Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 1062)

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*He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will be their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*

Isaiah 2:4

The peace that ended all peace

1. Cessation of hostilities by land and in the air six hours after the signing of the armistice.

Article 1 of the Armistice (US Senate translation)

*From the coming into force of the present Treaty the state of war will terminate.
From that moment and subject to the provisions of this Treaty official relations with Germany
. . . will be resumed by the Allied and Associated Powers.*

Introduction to the Treaty of Versailles (June 28, 1919)

Isaiah's prophetic call

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

*In these last days, the mountain of the Lord's temple
will be established as chief among the mountains*

Isaiah 2:1-2 (see also Micah 4:1-5, p. 1444)

When are we invited?

*Many peoples will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.
The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."*

Isaiah 2:3

God's vision for *shalom*

*They will be their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*
Isaiah 2:4 (see Micah 4:4-5)

Living in “the last days”

Come, O house of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Isaiah 2:5

1) Begin IN HOUSE (Micah 4)

2) I came from DARKNESS to LIGHT (Isaiah 9:2 → Ephesians 5:8)

Our World Belongs to God, Article 54

54. Followers of the Prince of Peace
are called to be peacemakers,
promoting harmony and order
and restoring what is broken.
We call on our governments to work for peace
and to restore just relationships.
We deplore the spread of weapons
in our world and on our streets
with the risks they bring
and the horrors they threaten.
We call on all nations to reduce their arsenals
to what is needed
in the defense of justice and freedom.
We pledge to walk in ways of peace,
confessing that our world belongs to God;
he is our sure defense.

Isaiah 2:1-4 expresses God's will for peace, and Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers . . .” (Matthew 5:9).