

## The Transforming Power of Hope

Isaiah 1:21-2:22

### I. Streaming

*In the last days, the mountain of Yahweh's temple  
will be raised up as the head of the mountains,  
towering over all the hills.*

*A sparkling stream of every nation will flow into it.*

*Many peoples will come and say,*

*"Everyone, come! Let's go up higher to Yahweh's mountain,  
to the house of Jacob's God; then He can teach us His ways  
and we can walk in His paths!"*

*Zion will be the center of instruction,  
and the word of Yahweh will go out from Jerusalem.*

*He will judge fairly between the nations*

*and settle disputes among many peoples.*

*They will beat the swords they used against each other  
into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.*

*No nation will take up weapons against another,  
nor will they prepare for war anymore.*

Isaiah 2:2-4

### II. Clasping

*You, Lord, have abandoned your people,  
the house of Jacob.*

*They are full of superstitions from the East;  
they practice divination like the Philistines  
and clasp hands with pagans.*

*Their land is full of silver and gold;  
there is no end to their treasures.*

*Their land is full of horses;  
there is no end to their chariots.*

*Their land is full of idols;  
they bow down to the work of their hands,  
to what their fingers have made.*

Isaiah 2:6-8

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### III. Hiding

*Enter into the rock and hide in the dust  
from the dreadful presence of Yahweh  
and from His majestic glory.*

*The arrogant will be humbled*

*and the pride of man brought low.*

*Only one will be exalted in that day: Yahweh!*

Isaiah 2:10-11

*The Lord Almighty has a day in store  
for all the proud and lofty,  
for all that is exalted  
and they will be humbled.*

*People will flee to caves in the rocks  
and to holes in the ground  
from the fearful presence of the Lord  
and the splendor of His majesty,  
when he rises to shake the earth.*

Isaiah 2:12,19

### IV. Walking

*Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

*Stop trusting in mere humans,  
who have but a breath in their nostrils.  
Why hold them in esteem?*

Isaiah 2:5,22