



Standing outside the Old City of Jerusalem is one of the most poignant memorials in Israel to the Six Day War of 1967. It is a futuristic sculpture made of wrecked military equipment with these words from Isaiah on it: "They will beat 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](#). These words still seem infinitely far from fulfillment. Yet this chapter of [Isaiah](#) tells us of a coming day of reckoning when there will be some incredible surprises. But the sorting and reassessment process begins now in people's response to God and to Christ. Then, in that day, the process will be completed.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read & meditate on [Isaiah 2](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important to you. Why are they important to you?
2. To what period or periods do the words [day](#) and [days](#) refer (HINT: read [verses 2, 11-12, 17, 20](#))?
3. According to [verses 3-4](#), for what purpose and in what spirit do the nations stream toward Jerusalem?
4. Consider that [verses 6-9](#) provide a rather sad contrast to the vision of [verses 2-4](#). What is the land full of according to these verses?
5. [Verses 10-21](#) mention a number of great things, some natural and some synthetic, which will be brought low in the day when the splendor of God's majesty is revealed. What things are specifically mentioned?
6. What do you think is God's purpose in this process?
7. What incentives and encouragements does [chapter 2](#) of [Isaiah](#) give you to trust God in troubled times?

MOVING FORWARD

Ask God to teach you what it means to stop trusting in humanity ([verse 22](#)) and to only rely on Him.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

¹¹ "Human pride will be humbled, and the loftiness of men will be brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted on that day." [Isaiah 2:11](#)