

# Micah 4:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

## Analysis

Messianic prophecy of universal pilgrimage: 'And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.' This envisions Gentiles streaming to Jerusalem to learn God's torah (law/instruction). The Hebrew 'we-yoreinu mi-derakav' (and He will teach us from His ways) and 'we-nelkah be-orhotav' (and we will walk in His paths) describes eager discipleship. Partial fulfillment: proselytes joining Israel. Ultimate fulfillment: gospel going to all nations (Isaiah 2:2-4 parallels this), the church incorporating Gentiles, and eschatological consummation when 'the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD' (Isaiah 11:9).

## Historical Context

Written in 8th century BC when nations were Israel's enemies. The vision of Gentiles voluntarily seeking Israel's God and His torah was radical. Partial fulfillment occurred through Second Temple Judaism's proselytes and 'God-fearers.' But Acts 2 (Pentecost) and the Gentile mission (Acts 10-15, Romans 11:11-24, Ephesians 2:11-22) show fuller realization: the gospel going from

Jerusalem to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8), Gentiles incorporated into God's people, and torah's spiritual fulfillment in Christ (Romans 8:3-4). The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:24-26) depicts nations bringing glory into the city—ultimate fulfillment. God's plan always included universal redemption (Genesis 12:3), not merely ethnic Israel's blessing.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do Old Testament promises of Gentile inclusion help me understand God's global redemptive plan?
2. Am I zealous for God's word to 'go forth' to all nations, or am I content with personal/tribal blessing?

## Interlinear Text

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אֶל יָגַע לְהַלֵּךְ הַיְמָנוֹת וְאֶמְרָה בְּבֵבִים גְּדוֹלָה מְגֻדָּלָה  
shall come nations And many and say shall come and let us go up H413  
H1980 H1471 H7227 H559 H1980 H5927

בְּרֵר יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים בֵּית יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים  
to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob H3290  
H2022 H3068 H413 H1004 H430 H3290

מִצְרַיִם בְּאֶרְחֹתָיו מַדְבָּךְ יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה  
of Zion in his paths shall come us of his ways and he will teach H6726  
H3588 H1980 H1870 H3384

מִירוּשָׁלָם: יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהִים תֹּוךְ הַלְּבָדָר וְדָבָר  
from Jerusalem of the LORD and the word for the law shall go forth H3389 H3068 H1697 H8451 H3318

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 2:3** (Word): And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**Jeremiah 31:6** (References God): For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.

**Isaiah 54:13** (References Lord): And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

**Acts 1:8** (References Jerusalem): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**Psalms 25:12** (References Lord): What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

**John 7:17** (References God): If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

**Mark 16:20** (Word): And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

**Romans 15:19** (References God): Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

**Zechariah 14:16** (References Lord): And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

**Luke 24:47** (References Jerusalem): And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.