

# 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

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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

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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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אֵל	וְנַעֲלֵה	וְנִלְכֶּה	וְאָמְרוּ	כַּבֵּי יָם	גּוֹיִם	וְנִלְכֶּה
	and let us go up	shall come	and say	And many	nations	shall come
H413	H5927	H1980	H559	H7227	H1471	H1980
יַעֲקֹב בֶּן	אֱלֹהֵי י	בֵּית	וְאֶל	יְהוָה	הַר	
of Jacob	of the God	and to the house		of the LORD	to the mountain	
H3290	H430	H1004	H413	H3068	H2022	
מִצִּיּוֹן	כִּי	בְּאַרְחָתָיו	וְנִלְכֶּה	מִדְּרָכָיו	וְיֹרֵךְ נֹו	
of Zion		in his paths	shall come	us of his ways	and he will teach	
H6726	H3588	H734	H1980	H1870	H3384	
מִירוּשָׁלַם:	יְהוָה	וּדְבַר	תּוֹכָה	תֵּצֵא		
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.