

WAR & PEACE WITHIN JUDAISM WORKSHEETS

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Source 1. *Isaiah 2:1-4*

- א הדָּבַר אֲשֶׁר חָזָה יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ בֶן-אֲמוֹץ עַל-יְהוּדָה וּירוּשָׁלַם:
ב וְהָיָה | בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים נִכּוֹן יִהְיֶה הָר בֵּית-יְהוָה בְּרֹאשׁ הַהָרִים וְנִשְׂא מִגְּבֻעוֹת וְנִהְרָו
אֵלָיו כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם:
ג וְהָלְכוּ עַמִּים רַבִּים וְאָמְרוּ לָכוּ | וְנַעֲלָה אֶל-הָר-יְהוָה אֶל-בֵּית אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב וְיִרְנּוּ מִדְּרָכָיו
וְנָלְכָה בְּאַרְחֻתָיו כִּי מִצִּיּוֹן תֵּצֵא תוֹרָה וּדְבַר-יְהוָה מִירוּשָׁלַם:
ד וְשָׁפַט בֵּין הַגּוֹיִם וְהוֹכִיחַ לְעַמִּים רַבִּים וְכָתְתוּ חַרְבוֹתָם לְאֵתִים וְחַנִּיתוֹתֵיהֶם לְמִזְמֵרוֹת
לֹא-יִשָּׂא גּוֹי אֶל-גּוֹי חָרֵב וְלֹא-יִלְמְדוּ עוֹד מִלְחָמָה:

1. *The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*
2. *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.*
3. *And many people shall go and say, Come, 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 from Zion shall go forth Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*
4. *And he shall judge among the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war any more*

Source 2. *Isaiah 11:6-9*

- ו וְגַר זֵאֵב עִם-כֶּבֶשׂ וְנֹמֵר עִם-גְּדִי יִרְבֹּץ וְעֵגֶל וְכִפִּיר וּמְרִיא יִחְדּוּ וְנֹעַר קֹטֵן נִהַג בָּם:
ז וּפְרָה וְדָב תִּרְעִינָה יִחְדּוּ יִרְבְּצוּ יִלְדִיֶּהֶן וְאַרְיֵה כִּפְקָר יֹאכַל-תְּבֵן:
ח וְשִׁעִשֵׁעַ יוֹנֵק עַל-חֵר פֶּתֶן וְעַל מְאוּרֹת צִפְעוֹנֵי גְמוּל יָדוּ הָדָה:
ט לֹא-יִרְעוּ וְלֹא-יִשְׁחִיתוּ בְּכָל-הָר קִדְשֵׁי בֵי-מִלְאָה הָאָרֶץ דַּעַה אֶת-יְהוָה כַּמִּים לַיָּם
מִכֶּסֶם:

6. *The wolf also shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*
7. *And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*
8. *And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.*
9. *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.*

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Source 3. The United Nations Charter

*We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our life time has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and
To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and
To establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and
To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.*

*And for these ends to practice tolerance and live together in peace and with one another as good neighbors, and
To unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and
To insure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and
To employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples.*

Some Questions to Consider:

Source 1

1. In verse 3 this source speaks of many people recognizing God, and worshipping Him. Which people do you think Isaiah is speaking of?
2. Explain the allegory of verse 4.
3. This source speaks of a messianic utopian future. What two things does Isaiah say will be central to this time?

Source 2

4. Continuing this theme, what else does Isaiah describe will happen when the Messiah comes?
5. In your opinion, is this allegorical or literal?

Source 3

6. The United Nations buildings in New York are adorned with a quote from Source 1 above. How does its charter compare to the vision that Isaiah describes?
7. Do you think they are fulfilling their charter?
8. What do you think Jews must do to bring about the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies? Do you think they are doing all they should?