

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

ADVENT SUNDAY

Isaiah 2: 1-5

1. The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem when he was out on the hills feeling (*) his sheep.
2. And it shall come to pass in the last days, (that is the days that come after this one but after which shall be no other) that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it by steep passages and rocky tracks, and some shall stumble and fall, but the feet of the righteous shall be sure.
3. 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 take with us a picnic for the way is long and torturous and we shall be athirst and hungered afore we get there; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths (not withstanding the warning about rocks and loose gravel already mentioned): for out of Zion shall go forth the law. And on hearing this some did ask What about the prophets, but Amos did not answer them but declared, And the word of the Lord shall go forth from Jerusalem.
4. And he shall judge among the nations, and there shall be neither legal representation nor an appeals process, and he shall rebuke many people for their naughtiness: and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and their shields into small pieces of cutlery: nation shall not lift up knife or fork or spoon against nation, neither shall they learn war any more but study the arts of cookery and various recipes.
5. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord, and put not this light under a bucket nor shade it, but let its brilliance cover the land.

* This is possibly an error by a copyist and should read "feeding". There again, it might be an accurate rendition.