# Isaiah @ Fairfield

"Judah's Hope, Guilt, Hope" (2-4)

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### Messianic Kingdom (2:1-4)

- Time of peace and justice
- Last days (v. 2) + 7x "that day" + 2:12
- When will that be? (Acts 2:17; 1 Jn 2:18)
- Has the Messiah already come?
- Already (Christmas) & not yet

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# Bertrand Russell: Atheist Despair

That Man is the product of causes which had no prevision of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his growth, his hopes and fears, his loves and beliefs, are but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms ... that all the labours of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system, and that the whole temple of Man's achievement must inevitably be buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruins — all these things, if not quite beyond dispute, are yet so nearly certain that no philosophy which rejects them can hope to stand. Only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul's habitation henceforth be safely built.

#### The Day of the Lord

Catalogue of sins

 Idolatry (2:8, 20)
 Pride (2:11-12, 17)
 Injustice (3:14-15)
 Female extravagence (3:16-23)

Judgement

"Dual outcome (3:10-11)

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# Judgement and Judgmentalism

- Society today
- Matt 7:1 vs. Rom 1:32
- Making moral judgements
   vs. being judgmental
- Church's record
- Welcoming without compromise

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### "The branch of the Lord" (4:2-6)

- Passage begins and ends with promise
- Branch of Lord = Messiah (11:1)
- Picture language + cleansing from sin (v.4)
- Conclusion