

## Study War No More

Isaiah 2:2-4 says that “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that 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. 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. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more”.

Every day I post a list of the fallen for the American fallen warrior memorial foundation. Every day from 9/11 on. Every day I'm reminded of the dreadful toll of war, the sadness and the sorrow, or the high cost of young people returning but never leaving the war behind them.

When I read this passage, and others that promise my eternal peace, it kind of sets up a longing in my heart for that day. Now don't get me wrong, I don't want to study war anymore, but don't get me wrong, I'm a patriotic American veteran, and I greet the troops at the airport as they come and go. I understand that sometimes you have to fight. And as long as we are in this sinful world there will be wars, but I do look forward to the time when Mama's will not tremble to see those two uniformed military men come to the door with those words, “ma'am we regret to inform you.”

When we learn to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us his ways, we will walk in his paths out of Zion will go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem, then in that oh so wonderful day the fighters will become farmers. The Military Academy will become a millinery academy. We will not need to learn the art of war. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Then, and then only, will we find everlasting peace.

In the meantime, you do your part to do as Paul said in Romans 12:18, “if it be possible, as much as lieth in, you be at peace”.

**You Ponder That**  
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