

The Book of Micah

Chapter Four

Introduction

- The second message of Micah continues here.
- Chapter 4 reveals the hope beyond the coming judgment.

Chapter Four – The Great Restoration

- Note – vs. 1-3 are almost identical to Isaiah 2:2-4. Since Isaiah and Micah prophesied at the same time, some have speculated that one copied the other. I think a better explanation is that the true Author, God Himself, gave the same message through these two prophets.
- vs. 1 – “last days” – we jump ahead in time here; I believe into the Millennial Kingdom of Christ.
- vs. 1 – mountain – could be figurative of the kingdom of Christ (Daniel 2:35) or literal. It is not the church. Whether figurative or literal it is definitely in Jerusalem.
- vs. 2 – Who are these nations and people? They are the Gentile survivors of the Tribulation.
- vs. 3-4 – the strong rule of Christ leads to the most peaceful time the earth has seen. Contrast this to Christ’s description in Matthew 24:6-7 of the days leading up to His Kingdom.
- vs. 5 – the idea of this verse is that nations are known by the gods they serve, even today. But in the Kingdom all nations will serve Christ alone.
- vs. 6-7 – this regathering of Israel is not what happened when the Jews returned to their land after the Babylonian captivity. This is a future regathering, one that is beginning now and will only grow until the Kingdom is established.
- vs. 8 – The prophecy that the Jews would have a kingdom again has yet to be fulfilled. A few with the title of king ruled, such as Herod, but they were puppets of the larger powers in the world.
- vs. 9-10 – These “birth pangs” I believe are the events of the Great Tribulation. Through great pain Israel receives its Kings.
- vs. 10 – Babylon – Many see a reference to the Babylonian captivity here.
- vs. 11-13 – these look ahead to the war during the Tribulation that culminates in the Battle of Armageddon. See Joel 3, Zechariah 12 & 14, Ezekiel 38-39.