

The Book of Micah

Chapter Five

Introduction

- The second message of Micah ends that began in chapter 3 here.
- Chapter 5 we see the coming Deliverer.

Chapter Five – The Great Deliverance

- vs. 1 – This is a difficult verse that to interpret and there are many opinions on it. J. Vernon McGee sees it being about the fall of the Jewish Kingdom to Babylon. A.C. Gaebelien sees it as a continuation of the campaign that takes place at the end of the Tribulation that we saw in Chapter 4. Personally, I think it being about End Times is more consistent with the passage.
- vs. 1 – The “judge of Israel” is Christ. He was rejected and abused before but will here come as a conqueror.
- vs. 2 – This verse is parenthetical and a key prophecy about Christ’s birth. Referenced in the New Testament in Matthew 2:6 and John 7:42.
- vs. 3 – Because Christ was rejected, God “gives up” Israel until the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom. The imagery of travailing in giving birth continued from the previous chapter.
- vs. 4 – A wonderful description of Christ’s rule!
- vs. 5-6 – Assyrian – this cannot mean the ancient empire of Assyria, conquered over 2,600 years ago. I think it is to be understood *geographically* and coincides with the King of the North of Daniel 11:36-45.
- vs. 5 – The seven shepherds and eight principal men appear to be military leaders of Israel during this future campaign.
- vs. 7-9 – This is the state of the Jews in the Millennial Kingdom. They are numerous, prosperous, and powerful.
- vs. 10-14 – These verses are addressed to Israel. They point to God removing all the things that Israel had formerly trusted in besides God.
- vs. 15 – The subjugation of the Gentiles. Probably includes the judgements of the Tribulation period.