

Micah

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Micah 1–3 Judah’s **EVIL** Cooks

Micah 4–5 Ancient of Days Sends Son

Micah 6–7 Hope Found

Prophet Micah

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Micah 4-5

One of most beautiful & hopeful Prophecies
a good portion of it Messianic ...

In many ways ... *DOUBLY* Messianic ...

About **First Coming** ... First Christmas

About **Second Coming** in Glory

First Coming – Jesus the Prince of Peace
His Kingdom *NOT* of this World

Second Coming –

Prince of Peace *FOREVERMORE*



Micah 4:1

1 In the **LAST DAYS** the mountain of the LORD's Temple will be established as the **Highest of the Mountains** it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

IMMEDIATELY ... *Metaphor Extreme*

Few see this as a literal **HIGHEST** Mountain

Spiritual Vision ... of ... **LAST DAYS**

Micah **SEES** Lot ... but specifics are absent



Micah 4:2

2 Many nations will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the Mountain of the LORD, to the Temple of the God of Jacob.

**He will teach us His ways,
so that we may walk in His paths.”**

**The LAW will go out from ZION,
the WORD of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

From the *Mountain* ... the LAW & WORD

Spiritual Vision of a FUTURE LAST DAYS



Jerusalem – Mt Zion

Delitzsch from *tsiwwah*,
"to set up"

Wetzstein from *tsin*,
"to protect"

Gesenius from *tsahah*,
"to be dry"

Gesenius from Arabic *cahwat*
"ridge of mountain" or
"citadel"



Jerusalem – Mt Zion

Oldest form *Uru-sa-lim* from the Tell el-Amarna Letters, 1450 B.C.

Jeru-Salem = City of Peace

2 Sam 5:6-9, “King David & men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites....

David took the stronghold of **ZION**.... called it the City of David.”

Zion = name of citadel of Jebusite city of Jerusalem

Jebusite citadel & city of Jerusalem were on the long ridge running South of the Temple



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Micah 4-5 ... one of most beautiful of prophecies ...

It came upon the Midnight Clear,
that glorious song of old,

Christmas &
2nd Coming

from Angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:

"Peace on the Earth, good will to men,
from heaven's ALL-gracious KING."

The World in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the Angels sing.



Micah 4:3

3 He will judge between many peoples & will settle disputes for strong nations far & wide.

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will NOT take up sword against nation, nor will they TRAIN FOR WAR ANYMORE.

Some see Literal Reign ... but look CLOSELY

No One thinks God will elevate Jerusalem above Mt Everest

HIGHEST Mountain = Spiritual Vision =

“Pruning Hooks” & “Train for War” = Spiritual Vision



Micah 4:4-5

**4 Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the LORD Almighty has spoken.**

Spiritual Vision ... of Last Days

**5 All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but WE will WALK in the name of the
LORD our God for Ever & Ever**



Micah 4:6-7

6 “In **THAT DAY**,” declares the Lord,
“I will gather the **LAME**;
I will assemble the **EXILES**
and those I have brought to grief.

7 I will make the **LAME** my remnant,
those driven away a **Strong Nation**.
Lord will Rule over them in Mount **ZION**
from **THAT DAY & Forever**

Not literal LAME or Exiles – we are ALL Lame & Exiles

New Heaven & New Earth = Spiritual Vision



Micah 4:8-9

**8 As for you, watchtower of the flock,
stronghold of Daughter ZION,
former dominion will be restored to you;
Kingship will come to Daughter Jerusalem.**

**9 Why do you now cry aloud—
Have you no king? Has your Ruler perished,
that pain seizes you
like that of a woman in labor?**

**Spiritual Vision ... Where Jerusalem will RULE
Jerusalem Center of Law & Peace**



Micah 4:10

**10 Writhe in agony, Daughter ZION,
like a woman in labor,
for NOW you must leave the city
to camp in the open field.**

**You will go to Babylon;
there you will be rescued.**

**There the Lord will redeem you
out of the hand of your enemies.**

Back to Judah ... Back to the Present c. 740 B.C.

722 Samaria to Assyria – 586 Judah to Babylon



Micah 4:11-12

11 But now many nations
are gathered against you.

They say, “Let her be defiled,
let our eyes gloat over Zion!”

12 But they do not know
the Thoughts of the Lord;
they do NOT understand His plan....

Oh ... true that has been since Babylon
MANY nations today ... still **HATE** Israel ...

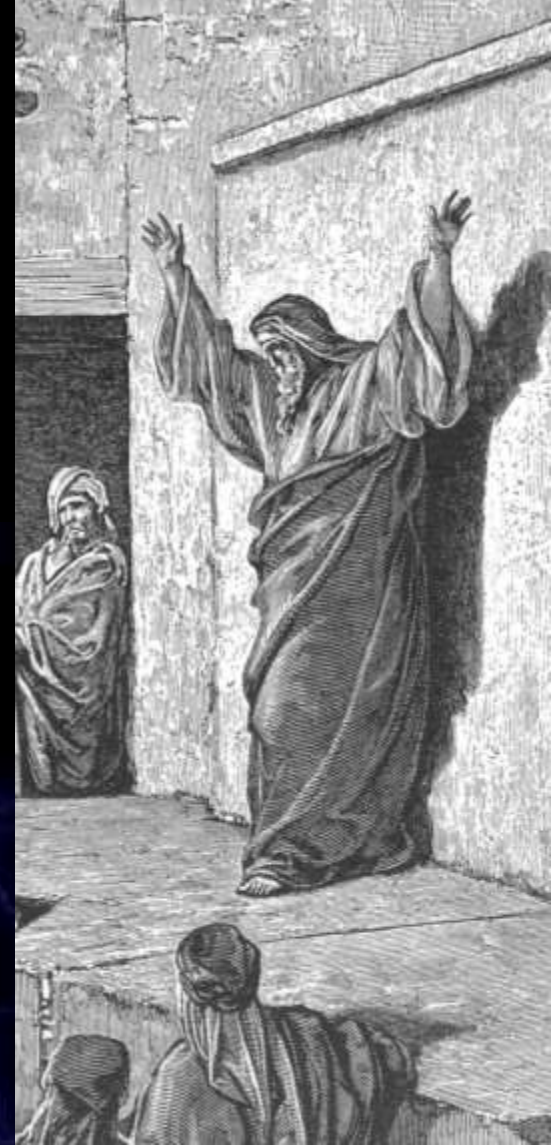
MANY still do NOT know “Thoughts of the Lord”



Micah 4:13

13 “Rise and *THRESH*, Daughter ZION,
for I will give you horns of iron;
I will give you hooves of bronze, and
you will break to pieces many nations.” ...

Back to the Future – only not in a DeLorean



Micah 5:1-2

**1 Marshal your troops now, city of troops,
for a siege is laid against us.**

**They will strike Israel's ruler
on the cheek with a rod.**

**2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though
you are small among the clans of Judah,**

Bethlehem = Bread House

Ephrathah = Fertile Ones or Fruit Fields

Together Bethlehem Ephrathah for greater solemnity



Micah 5:1-2

2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
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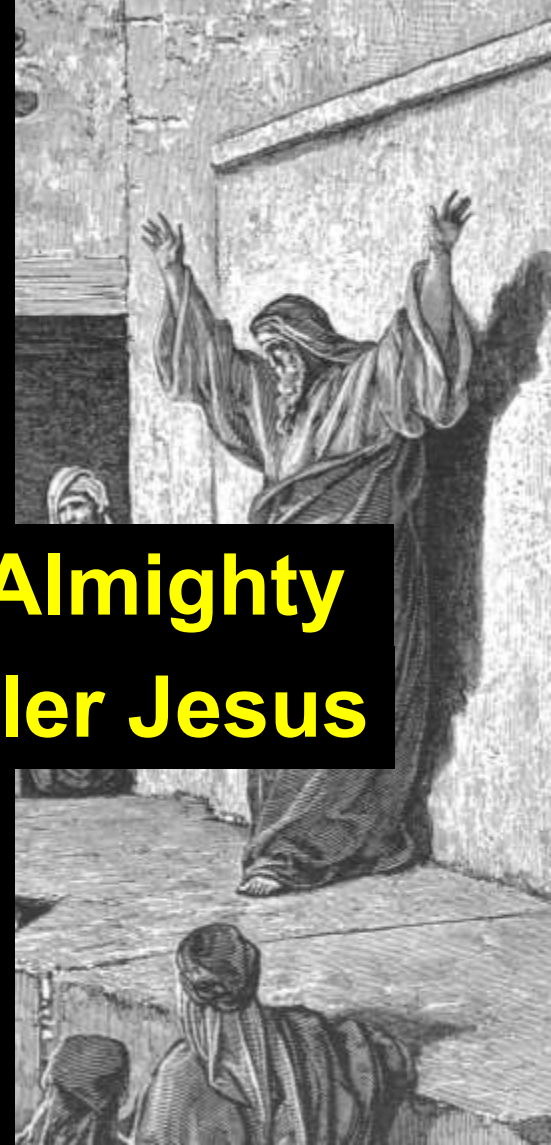
out of you will come for ME < for God Almighty
ONE who will be ruler over Israel, < Ruler Jesus

whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.”

For MICAH ... *Who is that?* ...

For MICAH ... Who is from Bethlehem? ...

Who is *from of OLD?* ... Micah Does NOT yet know



Micah 5:1-2

ONE who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.

WE KNOW ... but did Micah KNOW?

Can you feel the FOG ... Micah SEES

But as through a DARK Glass

As though a CHILD on verge of discovery

Before 722 B.C. when Assyria took Samaria



Daniel 7:9-22 ... after c. 586 B.C. CLEARER

**9 As I looked, thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.**

His clothing was as white as snow;

Hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire....

**10 A RIVER of FIRE was flowing,
coming out from before him.**

Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated, and the BOOKS were opened.



Daniel 7:9-22 ... after 586 B.C. ... clearer

11 I continued to watch ... until the beast was slain ... body destroyed....

12 other beasts ... etc., etc.

13 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a Son of Man, coming with the Clouds of Heaven.

He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence.

Who is that? We know! Daniel did NOT Know

Jesus was LED to the Presence of Ancient of Days



Daniel 7:9-22 ... after 586 B.C. ... clearer

14 He was given authority, glory & sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.

His dominion is an Everlasting Dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will NEVER be destroyed.

15 I, Daniel, was TROUBLED in spirit....

**16 I approached ... asked the meaning....
so He told me....**

17 four great beasts are four kings ... etc. ...



Daniel 7:9-22 ... Ancient of Days, Aged One

18 But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom & will possess it

Forever—yes, for Ever & Ever.

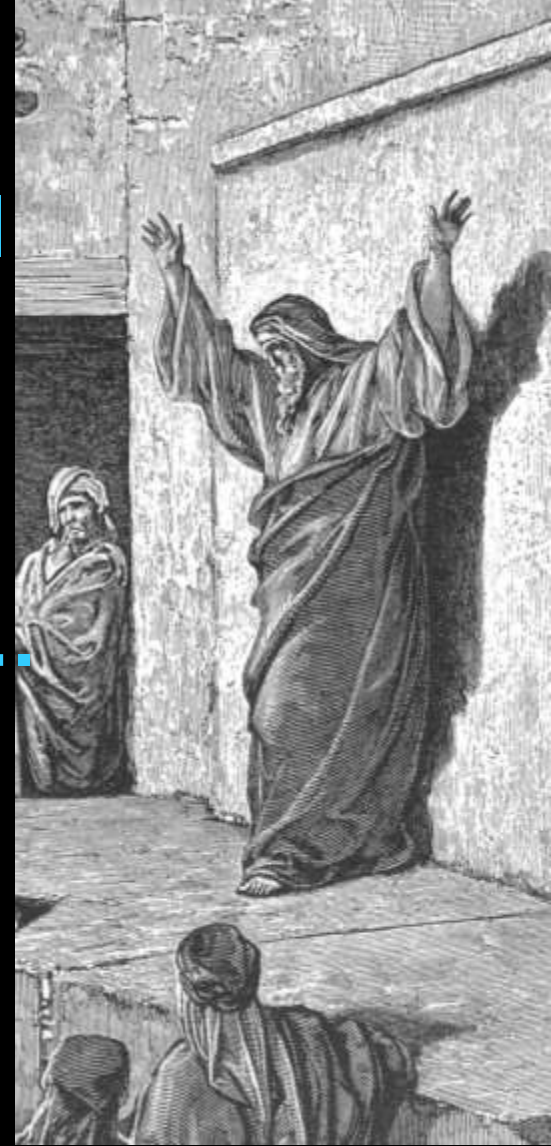
19-21 Then I wanted to know the meaning...

4th beast, horns, war against Holy People

22 until the Ancient of Days ... pronounced judgment in favor of the

Holy People of the Most High, and the

time came when they possessed the kingdom.



Micah 4-5 ... one of most beautiful prophecies ...

**Still through the cloven skies they come
with Peaceful Wings unfurled,
and still their Heavenly music floats
o'er all the Weary World;
above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed Angels sing.**



John in c. 90 A.D. ... *clearer*

John ... who had met Jesus in person ...

Exiled on Patmos ... Revelation 1:9

I, John, your brother & companion
in the suffering & kingdom & patient
endurance that are ours in Jesus,

John turns around to see the VOICE ...

John knew JESUS ... yet ... careful ...

JOHN does NOT yet know the VOICE?

JOHN Does NOT YET know the Voice is JESUS



John in c. 90 A.D. ... clearer

John ... who had met Jesus in person ...

Revelation 1:12-14

I turned around to see ...

**someone like a Son of Man,
dressed in a robe reaching down
to his feet and with a golden sash ...**

**hair on his head was white like wool,
as white as snow, and**

his eyes were like blazing fire.

At this point ... John is ... speechless ...



Revelation 1:17-18

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet
as though dead.

He placed his right hand on me & said:

“Do not be afraid. I am the First & the Last.

18 I am the Living One;

I was dead, and now look,

I am Alive for Ever & Ever!

And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

THEN John KNEW ... we do too ... **Jesus**



3 Micah 4-5 ... one of most beautiful prophecies ...

**And ye, beneath LIFE's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,**

**Who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,**

**Look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.**

**O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the Angels sing!**



Micah 5:3-4 ... before 722 B.C. ... still foggy

3 Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a SON, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

4 He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the Majesty of the Name of the Lord his God.

And they will Live Securely, for then His Greatness will reach to the ENDS of the earth.

Still seeing as through a glass *darkly*



< in the what?

Micah 5:5-6

**5 And He will be Our Peace WHEN
the Assyrians invade our land and
march through our fortresses.**

**We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders,**

Isaiah 9:5 – “Prince of Peace”

Eph. 2:14 – “He is our Peace”

Micah did NOT know it was Jesus then ...

Just the ONE who approached the Ancient of Days



Micah 5:5-6

6 who will rule the land of Assyria with
the sword, the land of Nimrod ...

He will deliver us from the Assyrians
when they invade our land and
march across our borders.

Micah writes this *before* 722 B.C.

Assyria takes Samaria in 722 B.C.

Babylon takes Judah in 586 B.C.

This FOG of Prophecy ... has a certain **FUTURE**



Back to the Future in Micah



7 Remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for anyone or depend on man.



Micah 5:8

**8 Remnant of Jacob will be
among the nations,
in the midst of many peoples,
like a lion among the beasts of the forest,
like a young lion among flocks of sheep,
which mauls and mangles as it goes,
and no one can rescue.**

Spiritual Vision ... foggy as to HOW

Spiritual Vision ... CLEAR as to POWER

Clear as to Reaching ALL New Earth



Micah 5:9-15

9 Your hand will be **LIFTED UP** in triumph over your enemies ... foes ... destroyed.

10-14 “In **THAT DAY,**” declares the Lord, “I will destroy your horses ... chariots ... cities ... strongholds.... witchcraft.... destroy your idols ... sacred stones.... no longer bow down to work of your hands.

15 I will take vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations that
have not obeyed me



Micah 4-5 ... one of most beautiful prophecies ...

**For lo! the days are HASTENING ON,
by PROPHET SEEN OF OLD,**

**When with the ever-circling years
Shall come the time foretold**

**When the New Heaven & Earth shall OWN
The Prince of Peace – Their KING**

and the

Whole World sends back the song

which now the Angels sing

