**The Book of Micah**

**“Who is like Yah?”**

Chapter 4

**Micah 4, Chiastic structure**

A Jerusalem made great again (1-2).

 B International peace enforced (3-5).

 C Israel regathered and restored (6-8).

 c Israelites rescued (9-10).

 b Israel invaded by Gentiles (11-12**).**

a Jerusalem’s Lord honored (13).

**Restoration theories**

● Promises were conditional, and Israel never repented, so are null and void.

● Promises fulfilled spiritually by Jesus.

● Fulfilled literally by the RC church.

● Promises fulfilled in Christianity.

● Promises will be fulfilled spiritually when Israel repents.

● Promises will be fulfilled literally.



**Micah 4:1-2, Jerusalem made great again**

● Latter days: “End times” when far-future predictions
    would come to pass.

● Law: torah, instruction in how to live.

● Word: deber, message, revelation.

**Jerusalem mounts**

● Antonia\*

● Olivet (Olives)

● Ophel

● New Zion

● Moriah\* (Abraham)

● Scopus

● Zion\* (City of David)

\*Original temple site?

**Micah 4:3-5, International peace enforced**

● Judge: ‘decide disputes’.

● Nations: Enforced peace & prosperity.

● Mouth of the LORD: Through legitimate prophets (Deut 18.18; 2 Chron 36:12).

● ‘Walk in the name’: Take action under the authority of, obey commands.

● National gods: Deut 32:8 (ESV, NIV n2); Psalm 82 (‘the divine council’).

● Our God: Many Israelites thought of Yahweh as their national God.

**Implications for society**

● Jurisprudence (justice).

● National identities (no NWO).

● Disarmament, denuclearization.

● Metallurgy, tool-making.

● Engineering sciences.

● Abundant agriculture 🡺 Leisure 🡺 Study 🡺 Philosophy 🡺 Justice 🡺 Industry.

**God’s will for nations**

● International diplomacy.

● Young men live long, love and labor.

● Peace with prosperity.

● Individual land ownership-stewardship.

● Abundant food (fruit and vegetables).

● Domestic tranquility.

These not being available in their lands, millions of men are currently migrating westwards, most for economic reasons, some for ideological causes, others as militants.

**Divine titles in Micah 4**

● The LORD (*Yhwh*) (10X).

● God (*Elohim*) of Jacob (2).

● god (*elohim*), pagan deities (5).

● Our God (*Elohim*) forever (5).

● Lord (*Adon*) of the whole earth/land (13).

**National gods**

Deut. 32:8. “When the Most High … divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God” (Gen 6:2; Job 1:6).

Psalm 82:1, 6. “God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment… You are gods.”

**Micah 4:6-8, Israel regathered and restored**

● Tower: Dominion and kingship = protective monarchy = daughter Zion = end-time Jerusalem.

**In that day = ‘Latter days’ (v. 1)**

1 Judah goes into exile in Babylon. 586

2 Yahweh rescues a remnant. 538

3 Nations gather, Israel threshes them.

4 Yahweh reigns from the temple mount.

5 Nations come to learn from Yahweh.

6 Yahweh judges and instructs nations.

7 Yahweh enforces peace and prosperity.

**Daughter of Zion = Daughter Zion**

● Cities were called ‘daughter’ because they were lovely, cherished, and protected
    by their national gods.

● “Escape to Zion, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon.” Zech. 2:7

●“The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor…” Jer. 51:33

**Micah 4:9-10, Israelites rescued**

● No king: Jehoichin exiled in 597 BC.

● Babylon: Elite families were exiled in 597 BC and commoners in 586 BC and after.

**The 70-yearBabylonian captivity** (50 years of exile).

Foretold by Jeremiah 25:11-12; 29:10.

607 Nebuchadnezzar II exiled royal families, including Daniel.

597 King Jehoiachin deposed & exiled.

586 Jerusalem destroyed, 2nd major exile.

581 3rd major exile.

538 Persian Cyrus permits return.

Math: 607 BC – 538 = 70-year captivity.

**Micah 4:11-12, Israel invaded by Gentiles**

● Defiled: Image of public rape.

**Many nations**

● The Babylonian army consisted of many nationalities. However…

● The context is one of impending judgment, likely in the end-times.

● The climax of history will occur in Jerusalem, not in New York City, Washington DC, Beijing or Rome.

**End-time coalition**

● Psalm 83 lists ten nations as Edom, Ishmaelites, Moab, Hagrites, Gebal, Ammon, Amalek, Philistia, Tyre, and Asshur.

● Those territories today include Arabia, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Palestine, Syria, and Turkey.

● Things could soon prove apocalyptic.

**Micah 4:13, Jerusalem’s Lord honored**

● Peoples: ‘am = groups whose members are related by kinship or religion.

**Divine actions in Micah 4**

● Teaches his ways, law, and word (2).

 ● Judges between nations (3).

 ● Assembles the afflicted (6).

 ● Reigns from Jerusalem (7).

 ● Rescues = redeems captives (10).

 ● Thinks and plans (12).

● Gathers ‘peoples’ for ‘threshing’ (12).

**Judah’s actions in Micah 4**

● ‘Walk’ in Yahweh’s name forever (5).

 ● Become a remnant, a nation (7).

 ● Cry, writhe and groan (9-10).

 ● Go out and dwell in the open (10).

 ● Go to Babylon (10)

● Thresh and beat ‘many peoples’ (13).