

Life-Study of Micah

Introduction

- **Subject:** Jehovah's reproof on Israel and His restoration of Israel.
- **Central Thought:** Jehovah reproved Israel of her evils and promised her His saving and gathering of her remnant for the restoration in the millennium.

Jehovah's Reproof on Israel

- **Micah 1:5** – All this is because of the transgression of Jacob/And because of the sins of the house of Israel./What is the transgression of Jacob?/Is it not Samaria?/And what are the high places of Judah?/Are they not Jerusalem?
- In verse 6, Samaria will be made a heap of ruins.
- Verses 8 and 9 reveal the invasion of Jerusalem.
- Verse 12 speaks regarding the destruction of Jerusalem and Mount Zion.
- All the Minor Prophets touched the same thing—God's chastisement over Israel and His punishment on the nations issuing in the manifestation of Christ for the restoration of the whole universe, consummating in the new heaven and new earth.

Jehovah's Comfort to Israel

- In the millennium, the people will no longer learn war, but, enjoying life without disturbance, "they will each sit underneath his vine/And underneath his fig tree,/And no one will disturb them".
 - The eating and drinking for the enjoyment of peace will be a kind of worship to God.
- In His comfort to Israel Jehovah will gather the remnant of the people.
- Jehovah's comfort to Israel also includes His deliverance to Israel after Israel is captured.
- **Micah 5:2** – (But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,/So little to be among the thousands of Judah,/From you there will come forth to Me/He who is to be Ruler in Israel;/And His goings forth are from ancient times,/From the days of eternity.)
 - Christ's going forth, His appearing, is a continuous matter. His coming forth is still taking place today. Today He is still on the way.
 - While Christ is on the way, He is taking care of the scattered Jews.

- After Christ deals with all the enemies, the remnant of Jacob will be **ble**ssed by Jehovah, and they also will be **vic**torious among the nations.

The Greatness of the Prophets in Their Speaking Concerning Christ

- In Micah 5, the prophet speaks of the land of Assyria and the land of Nimrod, and then, prophesying about Christ, declares, “He will save us from Assyria.”
- Human government began with **Nimrod**, the first type of **Antichrist**.
 - Human government, including the empires of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome, has been used by God to carry out His work of the chastisement of Israel.
 - Eventually the entire human government will be smashed by Christ as the stone cut out without hands that will become a great mountain and fill the whole earth.

The Prophets Turning from Christ to Small Things

- The prophets are great in their **speaking about Christ** but not in **their speaking about other things**.
 - The word of Amos and Micah regarding measures for buying, selling, and deceitful weights and balances cannot compare with the greatness of their word concerning Christ.
- When Amos and Micah spoke concerning **Christ**, they spoke of great things, but when they expressed their own **natural concept and opinion**, they were like some of the psalmists—Speaking words not about God’s revelation but of the prophet’s concept.
- Those of us who take the four governing principles seen in the Minor Prophets and use them in a critical way to examine others in the church are like psalmists, not prophets speaking for God.

Jehovah’s Contending with Israel and The Prophet’s Observation and Expectation

- Micah 6:6-8 reveal that Jehovah aspired after Israel’s **genuine worship and sincere service**.
- Chapter 7 speaks of Micah’s observation and expectation.
- First, Micah’s observation of the condition and situation of God’s chosen people **discouraged him fully**.
 - Indicates that we should learn not to look at ourselves.
- Micah took the lead to **look** for Jehovah and **wait** for God.
- Micah assured Israel of her restoration.

- Micah asked Jehovah to feed His people Israel.
- Micah thanked God for His forgiveness of the remnant of the people.

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