

# Message Series Guide

Micah - do justice • love kindness • walk humbly Part 4 – The Lord's Future Reign Micah 4:1-13

God can use our greatest defeat to become our greatest rescue. Following the declaration of judgement over Israel's political and religious leaders in chapter 3, Micah pronounces Israel's future defeat in chapter 4. Assyria and Babylon will eventually come in judgment against God's people, taking them into exile. And just when it seems all hope is lost, Micah points to a coming Savior. One who will gather a remnant of those who have been driven away and will usher in a reign of peace. This King of Kings will forever free His people from the very things that led them away from the Lord. The suffering and pain of God's people will give way to the victory and peace of their wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **READ:**

Micah 4:1-13 • Joshua 24:15 • Isaiah 55:8-9 • Revelation 14:14-20 • Romans 11:12-15

- What does the phrase, "It shall come to pass," in Micah 4:I mean to you? What does that phrase say about God's sovereignty and the truth of God's Word? What do you think the phrase, "in the latter days (or in the last days)," means in this passage? Explain your answer.
- According to Micah 4:1-2, what is referred to as "the mountain of the house of the LORD"? Why will
  many nations come to the mountain? What will they be doing?
- According to Micah 4:3, what will happen to weapons of war? How does verse 4 describe the future Millennial Kingdom? Why will world peace never be found in this world? How will world peace ultimately come about?
- What sin is being referred to in verse 5 (idolatry)? What "gods" do believers/unbelievers "walk" with today?
- What will the Lord do to or for His people, according to Micah 4:6-7? How does this passage point to the mercy and restoration of the Lord?
- What kind of judgment will the Lord bring on His people (9-10a)? How will the Lord change things in the latter days (11-13a)? Do those nations and people who hate Israel understand God's plans? How are the nations evil plans just a part of God's greater plan? In what ways are God's promises to Israel and to the church today the same? In what ways are the promises different?

#### **DISCUSS:**

- What is a biblical worldview? What "lens" do you look through to understand the reality of our world? Does the Bible just contain truth, or is it the source of truth? Explain your answer.
- Can we trust God to do what's best for us, even when that involves hardship and suffering? How do the promises of Christ's second coming give us hope and perspective in this life?
- How does Micah 4 allow us to see both God's justice and mercy?

## **PRAY:**

Pray that you live with the eternal perceptive that your life is part of God's redemptive story.

## **RESPOND:**

Determine this week to trust God to do what's best for you in a current situation, even if it involves hardship and suffering.

The phrase, in the latter days, could mean, "the last days before Christ returns." It could also refer to a future period/era in time.

The Bible doesn't just include words of truth; it is the very source of God's absolute and eternal truth.

World peace is not found in the world at all. It's only found in the person of Jesus Christ.

The way we walk in this world reveals the god/God we worship.

The heart of God is to transform devastation into restoration.

God can use our greatest defeat to become our greatest rescue.

No matter how much it feels we are losing in this world, in Christ, we win.