

Micah's Messianic Message

(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from a study by Mark Copeland)

Introduction:

- A. Micah prophesied and wrote between 735-700 B.C., during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah (Micah 1:1), just as the northern kingdom of Israel was falling under Assyrian attack
- B. His message is simple: "Present Judgment and Future Blessings"
 - 1. Judgment will come because of Israel & Judah's unfaithfulness to God
 - 2. Blessings will come because of God's faithfulness to Israel and Judah
 - a. The promise God made to Abraham - Gen. 22:18
 - b. Will be fulfilled in Jesus Christ - Acts 3:24-26

I. FUTURE MESSIANIC HOPE

- A. The glory to come in "the latter days" (See the fulfillment in Jesus Christ)
 - 1. What will happen - Micah 4:1-2
 - 2. They will learn God's ways - Micah 4:2
 - 3. The Lord will judge the nations, and there will be peace - Micah 4:3
 - 4. People will walk in the name of the Lord - Micah 4:4-5; Isa. 2:1-4
- B. What is the fulfillment of this prophecy?
 - 1. It began in Jerusalem with the preaching of the Gospel on Pentecost
 - a. Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-17
 - 2. The Gospel will go from Jerusalem to the whole world - Luke 24:46-47
 - 3. People will respond to the gospel - Heb. 12:22-24
 - 4. They will learn the ways of the Lord - Eph. 4:20-24
 - 5. It will be finished in the Judgment - Rev. 1:5, 2:26-27, 20:11-15, 21:1-5
- C. Micah describes the ultimate in hope of the Messiah - Micah 4:6-7
 - 1. Rom. 11:5; Luke 1:30-33; Acts 1:6-8, 2:30-36; Rev. 3:21

II. THE MESSIAH IS COMING

- A. The Messiah has a place of arrival - Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:4-6; John 1:1-3
- B. The Messiah will lead His people in peace - Micah 5:3-5

III. THE MESSIAH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

- A. Micah's purpose is two-fold:
 - 1. To warn the people to repent before the fall
 - 2. To encourage the people by telling them that God will bless them after the fall
- B. A parallel two-fold message is found in the New Testament
 - 1. Warnings to persevere, lest we fall away - Heb. 4:1, 11
 - 2. Promises that encourage us to look beyond the hardships that are ahead - 2Peter 3:13-14
- C. We have an advantage over Israel and Judah of Micah's day; we have already seen much of his prophecy fulfilled with the first coming of the Messiah
 - 1. 2Peter 1:19; Rom. 15:4
 - 2. If God kept His promise concerning the first coming of the Messiah, we can be confident He will keep His promise about His second coming
 - 3. Remember Micah's Messianic Message: Judgment Now, Blessings Later - Micah 7:7-9, 18-20