

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 443 – In The Last Days Through Arise And Thresh (Micah 4:1-13)

1. What was promised concerning Zion in the last days?

*“(1) But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. (2) And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:1-2).*

- **Isaiah 2:1-3, Daniel 2:1-45, Joel 2:18-32, Luke 9:27, Luke 24:44-49, Acts 2:1-47, Colossians 1:12-13, Hebrews 12:22-28, and Revelation 1:9**

2. When the Lord planned to judge among many people, in the last days, what was to happen with those nations that lifted swords against each other?

Swords were to be exchanged for plowshares and none were to be afraid:  
*“(3) And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (4) But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it” (Micah 4:3-4).*

- When you study through the Scriptures, this is clearly about peace within the kingdom (**Isaiah 2:4, Isaiah 9:1-7, Isaiah 11:1-11, Romans 14:17, I Corinthians 14:33, II Corinthians 13:11, and Colossians 3:15**).
- Jesus didn't come to bring carnal peace (**Matthew 10:34-37, Luke 12:49-53, John 7:40-43, John 16:33, and Acts 14:1-4**).
- Peace does belong to those in Christ (**Romans 5:1, Ephesians 6:23, Philippians 4:6-9, and I Peter 5:14**).
- Within the body, there is no division (**I Corinthians 1:10**) for a reason (**Philippians 3:16**).
- The removal of fear on several levels (**Hebrews 2:9-18, Hebrews 13:5-6, I John 4:18, and Revelation 2:10**).

3. When others walked after their own gods, who were the people of God going to walk in the name of?

Walk in the name of the Lord forever: *“For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever” (Micah 4:5).*

- There are and have been many gods in the meaning of idols (**I Corinthians 8:1-6**).
- Judah had a history of idolatry (**Jeremiah 2:28**).

- At the onset of the last days, those of Israel that came to Mount Zion were going to walk in the name of THE GOD (again; **Acts 2:1-47**).
- The kingdom of our Lord has those within that turned away from idolatry (**I Thessalonians 1:5-10**).
- In the name of... means by that person's authority (**I Samuel 25:2-9** and **Esther 3:1-12**). We should understand that (**Colossians 3:16-17**).

4. In that day, who did the Lord say He was going to assemble?

All that had become lame, scattered, and afflicted: *"(6) In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; (7) And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. (8) And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem"* (**Micah 4:6-8**).

- Again, when we see in **Acts 2:5** that there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven; we see this context fulfilled.
- Her that halteth means has been made limp (Strong's # 6760). Again, we can see this fulfilled in the first century (**Hebrews 12:12-13**).
- The mount Zion is now spiritual (**Hebrews 12:22-23**).
- See: **Romans 11:25-36**
- As noted earlier in the chapter and the notes, Jerusalem is the starting place for all of this to happen (**Luke 24:47-53**).

5. When the Lord turned from the future "last days" to the "now", was the daughter of Zion in a time of joy?

No, they were crying aloud: *"(9) Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail. (10) Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies"* (**Micah 4:9-10**).

- In the days this letter was written, Zion was under attack by the Assyrians. In the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah (**Micah 1:1**; cf. **II Kings 16:1-20:21**).
- They were crying out aloud (**Isaiah 26:16-17** and **Isaiah 36:1-37:3**).
- Going forward, they cry again and the question of there being no king is posed (**Jeremiah 8:19**).
- God had said they would go many days without a king (**Hosea 3:4** and **Hosea 10:3**).
- No real leaders (**Isaiah 3:1-7**).
- Labor pains (**Isaiah 26:18**).

- Before Babylonian captivity, Hezekiah had brought them in and that was a foolish thing he did (**II Kings 20:12-19**).
- However, Babylon would later be both the place of punishment (**Jeremiah 20:5**) and safety for Judah (**Jeremiah 21:8-10** and **Jeremiah 29:4-7**).

6. What didn't the nations gathered against the Lord's people understand?

They didn't understand the Lord's thoughts about His people and His plan to gather them again: *"(11) Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. (12) But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. (13) Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth"* (**Micah 4:11-13**).

- There were many onlookers that wanted to see the hurt of Zion (**Lamentations 2:15**, **Ezekiel 25:1-7**, and **Obadiah 1:12**).
- It is a bad idea for anyone to rejoice when their enemy falls (**Proverbs 24:17**).
- The thoughts of the Lord however were not to the final hurt, but for the ultimate good of His people (**Jeremiah 29:8-14**).
- Their oppressors were going to be trodden under their feet (**Isaiah 10:20-34** and **Isaiah 14:24-27**).