

Micah 4:1-13

The Lord's Rule from Restored Israel

1. In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

2. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **3.** He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. **4.** Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the Lord Almighty has spoken. **5.** All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

The Lord's Plan

6. "In that day," declares the Lord, "***I will gather the lame; I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought to grief.***

7. *I will make the lame my remnant,* those driven away a strong nation. The Lord will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever. **8.** As for you, watchtower of the flock, stronghold of Daughter Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to Daughter Jerusalem." **9.** Why do you now cry aloud—have you no king? Has your ruler perished, that pain seizes you like that of woman in labor? **10.** Writhe in agony, Daughter Zion like a woman in labor, for now you must leave the city to camp in the open field. You will go to Babylon; there you will be rescued. There the Lord will redeem you out of the hand of your enemies. **11.** But now many nations are gathered against you. They say, "Let her be defiled, let our eyes gloat over Zion!" **12.** But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand his plan, that he has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor. **13.** "Rise and thresh, Daughter Zion, for I will give you horns of iron; I will give you hooves of bronze, and you will break to pieces many nations." You will devote their ill-gotten gains to the Lord, their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

Historical Background: Micah is an Eighth Century Prophet from Judah, has given his name to his book as composer. His name is short form of Micaiah, meaning “who is like the Lord” in Hebrew.

Key verse: 3:8 *“But as for me, I am filled with power by the Spirit of the Lord, with justice and courage, to proclaim to Jacob his rebellion and to Israel His sin.”*

Into the lesson	
The Lord Restores destroyed Israel VV. 1-5	
v. 1	<p>The establishment of the Lord’s temple.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It’s the Highest of the mountains and hills • The people will stream to it!
v. 2	<p>The people who stream to the temple will encourage others to go to His Holy place! Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will be taught his ways • They will walk in His paths • God’s word will go forth from His Holy place.
v. 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Holy Place will be a of righteous judgement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many people will come for mediation • Other nations will come 2. Change will be made because of that Holy Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will change their swords into plowshares • They will change their spears into pruning hooks • There will be no more war
v. 4	<p>The people of God are made to feel safe and have assurance! Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the people will sit under their own vine • All the people will sit up their own fig tree
v.5	<p>Under God’s teaching, a person has the choice to believe and serve Him!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some nations serve Baal • We serve the almighty Lord God, we Him serve not because of the things He has done but because He is God all by Himself!!
The Lord’s Plan for restoration vv. 6-13	
vv. 6	<p>The Lord’s declaration to His people, Judah (Southern Nation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God will gather the lame • Bring the exiles to assembly • Comfort the ones that He made to grieve

v. 7	The Lord's declaration to His people, Judah (Southern Nation) Continues... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those who are lame will be God's Remnant• Those who were driven from their land, a Stronger Nation• God will be their eternal ruler
v.8	As for you, watchtower of the flock, stronghold of Daughter Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to Daughter Jerusalem." God