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## **Micah**

### **CHAPTER 1**

Verse 3-4: **“For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.”** The reference is to the Second Coming of Christ.

### **CHAPTER 2**

Verse 10: **“Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.”** The phrase “this is not your rest” reminds us of Christ the “rest” of Matthew 11:28-29, the rest that Israel will enjoy in the kingdom age. Hebrews 4:9 says, **“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.”**

### **CHAPTER 3**

Verse 6: **“Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.”** The night in the verse is the church age night that precedes the millennial day following Christ’s return. The sun going down corresponds to Israel’s rejection of Christ, the event that ushered in the present church age night consisting of four watches (Luke 12:38; Mat. 14:25). When this night is over, the “Son of righteousness” shall arise (Mal. 4:2).

### **CHAPTER 4**

Verses 1-4: **“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. 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. 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. 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**

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**LORD of hosts hath spoken it.”** The passage deals with Christ’s rule in the Millennial Kingdom and matches Isaiah 2:1-4.

## CHAPTER 5

Verse 1: **“Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.”** The prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus was smitten in Luke 22:64.

Verse 2: **“ But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.”** The verse refers to Christ being born in Bethlehem. The New Testament reference is Matthew 2:5-6.

## CHAPTER 6

Verse 5: **“O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.”** The righteousness that the verse refers to is the *imputed* righteousness that God gives to those who exercise faith in Him. The answer that Baalam gave to Balak was that **“He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel”** (Num. 23:21), which must have sounded like some kind of a joke to Balak. After all, Israel had been sinning regularly since leaving Egypt. Yet, the declaration was that God didn’t behold iniquity in Israel. This was because He had imputed to Israel His own righteousness. A good example is Abraham in Genesis 15:6: **“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.”** All of this points to Christ who is **“the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”** (Rom. 10:4). Earlier in Romans Paul said it this way: **“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”** (Rom. 4:5) That’s the righteousness that Israel does not yet know, nor does the world, nor do most professing Christians.

## CHAPTER 7

Verses 14-17: **“Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things. The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out**

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**of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.”** This is Christ preparing the Jewish remnant in the Great Tribulation for His return by miraculously caring for her after she has fled the wrath of the antichrist in Jerusalem in accordance with Jesus’ orders in Matthew 24:15-16. This is the persecuted woman of Revelation chapter twelve that is **“nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.”** (Rev. 12:14) She will get her bread by the peril of her life (Lam. 5:9) as she is provided for during the reign of the antichrist. She is typified by the widow woman of I Kings chapter seventeen, a woman that was preparing to die until God began providing for her miraculously. She’s typified by various other Old Testament women as well. A good companion passage is Hosea 2:14-16: **“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.”**