

Micah - Who is like the Lord?

Who gives Hope to the Hopeless

Micah 4 - 5

Where do we find hope today?

Background Micah has given the people the judgment of God

1:6 "Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of rubble, a place for planting vineyards. I will pour her stones into the valley and lay bare her foundations.

3:12 Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

God will bring judgment because of the sins of the nation

Idolatry - social injustice - disobedience

Samaria fell in 722 BC never to rise again

Jerusalem fell in 586 - and would be captive in a foreign land for

70 years -What could give the people hope?

I. The Hope of a glorious Kingdom to come

Micah 4

A. The ultimate plan of God for Israel

1-5 "in the last days"

1. Israel will be the center of world government **1**
2. Israel will be the center of world religion **2**
3. Israel will be the center of world peace **3-4**
4. The Lord will be the object of world worship **5**

B. The Results of following God

6-13 "In that day"

1. The Weak will become Strong **6-8**
The lame and the outcast will be gathered
The Lord will become their Tower of strength
2. The Captives will be set Free **9-10**
Captured and carried away to Babylon
To be rescued and redeemed and restored
3. The Poor will become Rich **11-13**
The purpose of the Lord fulfilled
The power of the Lord displayed

II. The Hope of a Glorious King

Micah 5

A. The Redeemer revealed

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Mistreated by army

Born in Bethlehem Confirmed in **Matthew 2:5-6**

Ruler of Israel for eternity

B. The Messiah King will reign

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1. He will gather His people **3**
2. He will shepherd His people **4**

3. He will give peace in the face of conflict **5-6**

4. He will resurrect the remnant of Jacob **7-9**

C. False Religion will be destroyed **10-15**

1. Their power will be broken **10**

2. Their foundation will be destroyed **11**

3. Their witchcraft will be cut off **12**

4. Their idols will be smashed **13-14**

5. Their disobedience will be revenged **15**

What takes away our Hope?

Ignorance of the final outcome

The threat of violence in our world

The lack of what we want

The fear of the unknown

What answers does Micah offer?

God will teach us His ways **4:2**

God will bring about world peace **4:3**

God will provide what we need **4:4**

God will calm our fears **4:4**

How? We will walk in the name of the Lord our God **4:5**

**The real question is not what we hope for
but who we hope in. Christ is:**

Fully God-Fully aware of our needs-Full of love and grace for us

Verses on Hope - the assurance we have in Christ

[Psalms 31:24](#), [Jeremiah 29:11](#)[Romans 5:5](#)[Romans 12:12](#), [Galatians 5:5](#)

[Colossians 1:27](#), [Hebrews 6:11](#), [Hebrews 6:19](#),

[Revelation 21:4](#) "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

What has stolen your hope?

Sin - you cannot seem to overcome

Offense - you cannot forgive

Disappointment with God - you cannot understand

God wants to speak hope into your life today

He wants you to be a part of His glorious Kingdom

With ultimate victory someday but

Intimate victory today

**He wants you to know the HOPE of eternity in Heaven and
The HOPE of Christ, the Glorious King**