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Micah's Prophetic Promise of the Coming Messiah

Micah 4:1-6:8

Introduction

Micah was one of the lesser known of the four great prophets of eighth century Israel, the others being Isaiah, Amos, and Hosea. His ministry spanned sixty-four years from about 750 to 686 BC. He was from the little village of Moresheth Gath located 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem. Jeremiah mentions him in Jeremiah 26:18 as a preacher of judgment to come, see 3:1-12. But he also announced the redeeming grace of God that would be available to not only the Hebrews but also to all people everywhere. That promise was to be realized in the birth of the Messiah and the blessings of His coming Kingdom. The following four phases are Micah's revelation from God of His redeeming grace.

I. The Prophecy of the Coming Messianic Kingdom, 4:1-8

1. The Kingdom exalted in the latter days, 4:1-3; cf. Isa 2:2-4
2. The coming golden age, 4:4-5; cf. 6:6-8; Isa 65:17-25; Zech 8:1-23
3. The future restoration by the Messiah, 4:6-8

II. The Preparation for the Coming Kingdom of the Lord, 4:9-5:1

1. God's secret strategy for the coming Kingdom, 4:9-10
2. God will turn chastening to blessing, 4:11-12
3. God will send His Messiah as deliverer, 4:13-5:1

III. The Prophecy of the Coming Messianic King, 5:2-3

1. Born in Bethlehem, the house of David, 5:2a; Luke 2:4-14
2. God's supernatural Messiah, 5:2b; "shall come forth to ME," Isa 9:6-7
3. He is the eternal Ruler, 5:2c-3; Ps 90:2; John 8:56-59

IV. The Prophecy of the Coming Messianic Kingdom, 5:4-6:8

1. The results of Messiah's reign, 5:4-5
 - a. He will feed His flock, 4a
 - b. He will rule in God's strength, 4b
 - c. He will rule in the name of God, 4c
 - d. He will rule over a secure Kingdom, "abide," 4d
 - e. He will rule in greatness, 4e
 - f. He will rule to the ends of the earth, 4f
 - g. He will rule in peace, 5a
2. The Messiah will abolish all illegitimate worship, 5b-15
3. The Messiah will require personal commitment, 6:1-8