### Micah

## Chapter 4

1‘But, in the last days,  
 They will see the Mountain of Jehovah  
 Sitting above the rest of the mountains,  
 Raised higher than all of the hills,  
 And to it, all the peoples will run.  
  
 2‘Many nations will go there and say:  
  
 ‘Let’s ascend the Mountain of Jehovah  
 And enter the [Temple] of Jacob’s God.  
 For there, He will show us His ways,  
 And we’ll thereafter walk in His paths!’  
  
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 And from And from <span class="placename">JeruSalem And from <span class="placename">JeruSalem</span>, the Word of Jehovah  
 3Will serve as judge between peoples,  
 And make decisions among distant tribes.  
  
 ‘Then they’ll cut their swords into plows,  
 And [they’ll beat] their spears into sickles.  
 Nation won’t rise against nation again,  
 Nor will they learn war anymore.  
  
 4‘Under their own grapevines, each person will sit,  
 And they’ll rest beneath their own fig trees…  
 For, none will make them afraid anymore.’  
  
 ‘This was said by the mouth of Jehovah the Almighty:  
  
 5‘And although other people may go their own way;  
 You’ll walk in the Name of your God  
 From the present and into the ages.  
  
 6‘And in that day, says Jehovah,  
 I’ll regather all those who were broken  
 (The ones whom I had once discarded),  
 And I’ll welcome back those whom I’ve pushed away.  
  
 7‘Yes, those who are broken, I’ll welcome,  
 And I’ll make a great nation of them once again…  
 Of those whom I once pushed away!  
 And thereafter, and into the ages,  
 Their Lord will rule from Mount Zion.’  
  
8[Micah then says:]  
  
 ‘But now, upon you, O tower of the flock…  
 Yes you, O JeruSalem’s daughter  
 (You austere offspring of Zion);  
 The foremost of Babylon’s kings  
 Will come here and enter your [gates]!  
  
 9‘For, why did you learn to do such bad things…  
 Wasn’t there a king here among you,  
 And has all good council now perished?  
  
 ‘So, pangs are what you’ll have to endure  
 Like a woman who’s about to give birth.  
 10But hang on and take courage, O daughter of Zion,  
 As [a woman] who’s giving birth!  
  
 ‘For what’s coming to you is a city  
 That will set up its camps in your plains…  
 And then, to Babylon, they’ll take you.  
 But your God, Jehovah, will save you from there,  
 And ransom you from your enemies’ hands.  
  
 11‘Now, many nations have come against you,  
 And this is what they’re saying:  
  
 ‘Our eyes will rejoice as we gaze on Zion!’  
  
 12‘But they don’t know the ways of Jehovah,  
 And His council, they don’t comprehend.  
 For like sheaves [of grain], they’ll be gathered,  
 And on a threshing floor, they’ll be piled,  
 13So that you can thresh them, O daughter of Zion!  
  
 ‘For I’ll turn your horns into iron,  
 And I’ll turn your hoofs into brass.  
 Then, I’ll dissolve many peoples,  
 And you’ll carry all their abundance  
 As well as their strength to the Lord of the earth.’