JUDEAN MESSENGER OF WRATH UPON SAMARIA AND JERUSELEM: DENUNCIATION OF THE LEADERS

(Micah 3:1 - 5:15)

- I. The GUILT of Israel's LEADERS (Micah 3:1-12)
 - A. The rulers ABUSE the people (3:1-4)
 - 1. They should UNDERSTAND JUSTICE
 - 2. But they treat the people as their PREY
 - 3. When they cry out for RELIEF, God will IGNORE them
 - B. The prophets MISLEAD the people (3:5-8)
 - 1. They were actively LEADING them ASTRAY
 - 2. They SHAPED their message to suit their own INTERESTS
 - 3. God will BLIND the prophets
 - 4. Micah was a TRUE PROPHET (cf. 2 Tim. 4:1-4)
 - C. All the leaders are CORRUPT (3:9-12)
 - D. God would make JERUSALEM a DESOLATION
- II. The PROMISE of Israel's FUTURE (Micah 4:1-5:1)
 - A. The Millennial Kingdom of PEACE and PROSPERITY (4:1-5)
 - 1. It will be in "the LAST DAYS"
 - 2. The TOPOGRAPHY of the land itself will be ALTERED
 - 3. The LORD will INSTRUCT, JUDGE, and enforce His LAW over all nations

- 4. The LORD will impose PEACE, producing prosperous SECURITY
- 5. All will be FAITHFUL to the LORD FOREVER
- B. Restoration of DAVID'S throne (4:6-8)
 - 1. The LORD will gather His FLOCK (cf. 2:12-13)
 - 2. They will be a STRONG nation because the LORD rules FOREVER
 - 3. DAVID will be RESTORED to the throne
- C. In the MEAN TIME they will face TRIALS (4:9-5:1)
 - 1. They will be taken CAPTIVE by BABYLON (4:9-10)
 - 2. They will be BESEIGED by the WORLD (4:11-13)
 - 3. They must be PREPARED for BATTLE (5:1)
- III. The EXPECTATION of Israel's MESSIAH (Micah 5:2-15)
 - A. His FIRST advent (5:2-3)
 - 1. The One who would RULE would be born in BETHLEHEM
 - 2. His EXISTENCE and APPOINTMENT have been from ETERNITY
 - 3. His coming would result in DELIVERANCE of a REMNANT of Israel
 - B. His SECOND advent (5:4-6)
 - He will SHEPHERD His people in the STRENGTH and glorious NAME of Yahweh
 - 2. His people will be SECURE and His rule will be WORLDWIDE
 - 3. He will establish PEACE by DESTROYING their enemies
 - C. His KINGDOM (5:7-15)
 - 1. Israel will be BLESSED (5:7-9)
 - 2. Israel will be PURGED (5:10-15)