Session 12: Nov. 20, 2022 Micah 4:6-8; 5:1-9 Humble Beginnings

Chapter 4

(1) But in the last days it will come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah} will be established in the top of the mountains, and it will be exalted above the hills; and people will flow into it.

(2) And many nations will come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD {Jehovah}, and to the house {temple} of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: because the law shall go forth from Zion, and the word of the LORD {Jehovah} from Jerusalem.

(3) And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations far away; and they will beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation will not lift up a sword against nation, neither will they learn war anymore.^a

(4) But every man will sit under his vine and under his fig tree; and no one will make *them* afraid: because the mouth of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts {armies} has spoken *it*.

(5) Because all people will walk everyone in the name of his god, but we will walk in the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} our God forever and ever.

(6) In that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, I will assemble her who is lame, and I will gather her who is driven out, and her whom I have afflicted;

(7) And I will make her who is lame a remnant, and her who was cast far away a strong nation: and the LORD {Jehovah} will reign over them in mount Zion from that time forth, even forever.

(8) And you, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, to you it shall come, even the first dominion {rule; authority}; the kingdom will come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

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(9) Now why do you cry out aloud? *is there* no king in you? has your counselor perished? because pain has come upon you as a woman in child birth.

(10) Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in child birth: because now you shall go forth out of the city, and you shall live in the field, and you shall go *even* to Babylon; there you will be delivered; there the LORD {Jehovah} will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

(11) Now also many nations are gathered against you, who say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.

(12) But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD {Jehovah}, neither do they understand His counsel: because He will gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

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(13) Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: because I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hooves brass: and you shall beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain to the LORD {Jehovah}, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

Chapter 5

(1) Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops: he has laid siege against us: they will strike the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

(2) But you, Bethlehem Ephrath, *though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of you shall He come forth to Me *Who is* to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.^a

(3) Therefore He will give them up, until the time *that* she who has pains of child birth has brought forth: then the remnant of His brothers will return to the children of Israel.

(4) And He shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD {Jehovah}, in the majesty of the Name of the LORD {Jehovah} His God; and they will live: because now He will be great to the ends of the earth.

(5) And this *Man* shall be the peace, when the Assyrian comes into our land: and when he treads in our palaces, then we shall raise against him seven shepherds, and eight princes.

(6) And they will waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its entrances: so He will deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land, and when he treads within our borders.

(7) And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD {Jehovah}, as the showers upon the grass, that does not wait for man, nor waits for the sons of men.

(8) And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles {non-Jews; nations} in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he goes through, both treads down, and tears in pieces, and no one can deliver.

(9) Your hand will be lifted up upon your adversaries, and all your enemies will be cut off.

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(10) And it will come to pass in that day, says the LORD {Jehovah}, that I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will destroy your chariots:

(11) And I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your strongholds:

(12) And I will cut off witchcrafts out of your hand; and you will have no *more* soothsayers:

(13) Your graven images also I will cut off, and your standing images out of your midst; and you will no more worship the work of your hands.

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