

11. Micah

*Micah 2; Remnant of Israel gathered (2:12-13)

- God will gather the remnant of Israel. "I will put them together like sheep in the fold; like a flock in the midst of its pasture they will be noisy with men. The breaker goes up before them; they break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes on before them, and the LORD at their head" (2:12-13). Some Bible translations translate "fold" as "Bozrah". Bozrah is located east of the Jordan River in the ancient nation of Edom (modern nation of Jordan). It is near the city of Petra. The "breaker" speaks of one who goes ahead to remove obstacles in the path. This passage may be speaking of the Jewish remnant that God will miraculously deliver from the antichrist during the Great Tribulation (Revelation 12:6, 14; Isaiah 34:5-6, 63:1-6). The safe haven that God provides may be located in or near Bozrah.

*Micah 4; Last days, millennial kingdom (4:1-8)

- The millennial kingdom is described in this passage (4:1-8). "And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains... and the peoples will stream to it... from Zion will go forth the law... and He will judge between many peoples and render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nations will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war. Each of them will sit under his vine and under his fig tree, with no one to make them afraid, for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken" (4:1-4).