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## Micah 4

### The Mountain of the Lord's Temple

**1But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.**

We are clearly seeing God give Micah a prophecy of the end times. It will be after the Tribulation and destruction of Jerusalem by God to purify the land. Jesus will sit on His Throne in Jerusalem re-established after He binds Satan for a thousand years. The world as it exists from the time of His triumph until the Great White Throne Judgement will flow to the City of Christ to worship Him.

**2And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

Just to be clear these nations that will come up to Jerusalem to learn of Jesus ways are those gentile's that aided Believers and likely became Believers as best they could in the last times and likewise Jews who aided Jewish Believers in those days of Tribulation but somehow survived. These people in the beginning

will have a heart for God and His Christ and will come to Jerusalem to learn His Ways. But as they re-populate the earth their children will begin to waver as they are still born with the sin nature. This sin nature will promote further depravity and defiance of the Lord God. During this time of Christs rule on earth with the sin nature still intact amongst those who survived the Tribulation the Lord will judge those of nations far off; not walking within the Law. Sacrifices will be resumed at the Temple to educate these unbelievers that have been born into this world controlled by Jesus so that they can understand in the way we had to that “sin leads to death”. They will still be under Grace but the need to repent and believing in Jesus Christ is still key in righteousness.

***Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.***

This a quoted from “Got Questions” as to who resides on the earth during the Millennial reign of Christ.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/millennial-kingdom.html>

*“The [millennial kingdom](#) is the future reign of Jesus Christ on earth as He sits on David’s throne in Jerusalem. Everyone who enters that kingdom will be redeemed by God and therefore righteous (see [Isaiah 35:8–10](#)). Among those redeemed will be two distinct groups of people: those with glorified physical bodies and those with natural, earthly bodies.*”

Those who occupy the millennial kingdom with glorified bodies can be divided into three subgroups: the church, whose bodies were either resurrected or changed at the rapture ([1 Thessalonians 4:13–18](#); [1 Corinthians 15:21–23, 51–53](#)); tribulation martyrs, who are resurrected after Christ returns to earth ([Revelation 20:4–6](#)); and the Old Testament saints, who we assume are resurrected at the same time (see [Daniel 12:2](#)). Those who occupy the kingdom with earthly bodies have survived the [tribulation](#) and can be subdivided into two groups: believing Gentiles and believing Jews.

[Revelation 19:11–16](#) describes the [second coming of Jesus Christ](#). This is distinct from the [rapture](#) ([1 Thessalonians 4:13–18](#); [1 Corinthians 15:51–53](#)), which is an earlier appearing of Christ in the air. (There is no mention in [Revelation 19–20](#) of any kind of rapture event. This implies that saints who are on earth when Christ returns will remain on earth to enter the millennial kingdom in their natural bodies.)

Part of Jesus' setting up the kingdom will be His judgment of the [sheep and the goats](#) ([Matthew 25:31–46](#)). The "sheep" are the righteous Gentiles, who showed their faith by their good works toward God's people; the "goats" are the unrighteous Gentiles, who failed to aid God's children. Christ will cast the unrighteous into the lake of fire for eternal punishment ([Matthew 25:46](#)). Because of this judgment, and because all Israel will believe at that time ([Zechariah 12:10](#); [Romans 11:25–32](#)), no unbeliever will enter the millennial kingdom (also see [Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43](#)).

So, those who occupy the millennial kingdom, at the start, will be the righteous of all previous [dispensations](#): believing Gentiles in earthly bodies, redeemed Israel in earthly bodies, and resurrected/raptured believers in glorified bodies. Those who occupy the millennial kingdom will be from "many nations," but the

knowledge of the Lord Jesus will be universal: “The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” ([Isaiah 11:6](#)). It will be standard practice for those who occupy the millennial kingdom to travel to Jerusalem and worship the Lord in person: “Many nations will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” ([Micah 4:2](#)).

Those who occupy the millennial kingdom will see the nation of Israel exalted to its fullest glory. All will be restored spiritually and physically: “‘In that day,’ declares the Lord, ‘I will gather the lame; I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought to grief. I will make the lame my remnant, those driven away a strong nation’” ([Micah 4:6–7](#)).

During the millennial kingdom, the saints in earthly, natural bodies will enjoy long lives ([Isaiah 65:20](#)), and they will produce children. By the end of the thousand years, the world is fully populated, and there are many—“in number they are like the sand on the seashore”—who rebel against the Lord ([Revelation 20:7–8](#)).

Children born during the millennial kingdom will have the responsibility to exercise faith in Christ, the same as all people of past ages. Some of those born during the millennial kingdom will choose to not believe. That is why Scripture speaks of those who die under a curse ([Isaiah 65:20](#)) and why the Lord lays out consequences for nations that do not worship Him: “If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, they will have no rain” ([Zechariah 14:17](#)).

For a further look at who will live in the millennial kingdom, see

these passages: [Isaiah 2:2–4](#); [Zechariah 14:8–21](#); [Ezekiel 34:17–24](#); [Daniel 7:13–14](#); [Micah 4:1–5](#).”

As fair warning I am going to stray from the verses shortly, so we are all on the same page as to who inhabits the earth during the Millennial Reign of Christ our Lord.

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Micah 4 gives some detail into what the Millennial Reign of Jesus on earth will be like.

**3**And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

*Joel 3:10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong.*

*Isaiah 2:4 Then He will judge between the nations and arbitrate for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer take up the sword against nation, nor train anymore for war.*

At least three prophets spoke of this culture that would exist on earth at a certain time. The time is after the Tribulation, beginning in the Millennial Reign of Christ on earth for a thousand years (millennial = thousand)

So here is the question from Micah 4:3? Who are these nations on earth during the Millennial Reign of Christ and what is their relationship to Christ?

The culture on earth at the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Christ in its broadest sense says that at the beginning of this time, there will be nations **(a far off)** meaning a distance from Jesus Throne in Jerusalem, around the earth. These nations will consist of Believing Gentiles in the natural human bodies and those who believed in God in an acceptable fashion, determined by God to be “righteous by their actions” and aided the True Believers that were alive on the earth during Tribulation. I would include perhaps some Jews in their natural human bodies, but my sense is that they all will be in Israel fulfilling their own destiny in their Promised Land, serving God.

Let’s look at this again as to who is on the earth during Tribulation first. When Tribulation begins, we believe that the Church has already been Raptured (caught up) to heaven with Christ.

God does not want us to be ignorant or unaware of things leading up to the end times, but to be awake and aware.

***1 Thessalonians 4: [13](#)But **I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren,** concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. [14](#)For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them***

*also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. [15](#)For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. [16](#)For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17](#)Then we which are alive and remain **shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. [18](#)Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (emphasis mine)***

**Q.** So, who is left on the earth?

Anyone that did not Believe in Jesus Christ at the instant of Rapture. Believing that Jesus is the Messiah, Son of God that died on the cross for the forgiveness of sins: all sins for all of mankind for all time.

*John 3:16 [16](#)For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [17](#)For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. [18](#)He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is **condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (emphasis mine)***

Pastor Ken Ortize put it this way: it is not sin that sends a person to hell it is the refusal to believe we are sinners and believe we are in need of a savior and believe in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Man has free will as a gift from God. Mankind can choose to Believe or not believe what God says and does. If you chose not

to believe, then you are forever lost and will be eventually sent to the Lake of Fire ever separated from God.

Again, who is left on the earth at the end of Tribulation and beginning of the Millennial Reign of Christ?

There are likely 5 categories of those left behind by their choice or actively sent to prophesy by God.

1. Non believers, those who will take the “mark of the beast”, they will be lovers of themselves

***2 Timothy 3: 1This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.***

***Revelation 14: 9And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his***



***indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name***

2. 144,000 Jews who will testify to Israel and the world that Jesus is the Messiah King. (Chosen by God to bring the Good News to Israel, they will be protected by God but will likely be hunted by the Anti-Christ and killed. It is unclear how many survive the entire Tribulation if any or if all.)

***Revelation 7: 1And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,***

This “***angel ascending from the east having the seal of the living God***” might be an image of Christ. Remember one of His miracles was the ability to control the environment IE winds. If it is not Christ, then certainly a messenger of Christ as he has the SEAL of the Living God. Revelation 7 continued:

***3Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.***

***4And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.***

***5Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. 6Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. 7Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.***

According to Pastor JD Farag:

*“The purpose of the Tribulation is for the Salvation of the Jewish Nation.”*

With the emphasis God puts on the 144,000 and the two witnesses in Jerusalem it appears JD is correct. The Church is gone, and God had made a commitment to Israel that He would save her.

***Romans 11: 25For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.26And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:27For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. (emphasis mine)***

God has blinded Israel to the Messiah Jesus Christ in order to save a remnant of them in the end times. This blindness is temporary and will end when the “fulness of the gentiles be come in”

The “times of the gentiles” I think can be considered in three ways. **First** it is a reference to when the last gentile unbeliever repents and becomes a Believer.

The **second** is when the last gentile is martyred during Tribulation and the focus of Satan is fully on Israel. The Anti-Christ enters the Holy of Holies and declares himself to be God. At that instant, the Nation of Israel will finally see and know what has happened and will turn by the tens of thousands to Christ as their Messiah. The remaining gentile unbelievers will help the Anti-Christ hunt down and kill Believing Jews and Believing Gentiles.

The **third** way is that God told John to measure the temple but the outer court to not measure as it was given unto the gentiles to trample it down until the fulness or end of the gentiles. There seems to be a connection between the “fulness of the gentiles” and the temple at the mid-point in Tribulation.

What happens at the mid-point in Tribulation?

The Anti-Christ enters the Holy of Holies and does a detestable act declaring himself to be God. Is there a connection between the “fulness of the gentiles” and this act by Satan? The dates coincide, 3 ½ years after the beginning of Tribulation, those two things happen simultaneously according to a specific length of time 3 ½ years. If not exactly simultaneously then in close proximity to one another.

***Revelation 11: 1And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.***

The third approach seems to be the most sound due to verse 2 in Revelation 11.

Additionally, this verse in:

***Romans 11:25For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.***

These two verses one in Revelation and one in Romans give us a bit more information and knowledge to determine when the fullness of the gentiles occurs. John is told to measure the temple, and the alter. He is told not to measure the outer court due to it being “tread under foot forty and two months”. (42 months equals

3 ½ years) That would be the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation and that possession of the outer court ends at the midpoint in Tribulation. We can therefore figure out that the “fullness of the gentiles” ends at that point. It is the same point that the Jews realize they have been lied to by the Anti-Christ the one they believed was their messiah.

### ***Romans 11: A Remnant of Israel***

***1*** I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ***2*** God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, ***3*** Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. ***4*** But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. ***5*** Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ***6*** And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. ***7*** What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded ***8*** (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. (emphasis mine)

What day? It is the day called “the fullness of the gentiles”. So, God is saying that when the Anti-Christ commits this egregious act in the temple declaring himself to be God the eyes of the Nation of Israel will be opened.

**Romans 11:9** *And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: **10** Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.*

### ***The Ingrafting of the Gentiles***

**11** *I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. (emphasis mine)*

It was God's plan from the selection of Israel as His people that they should be His representative to the world. That the world would see a people that Loved their God the only One and True Living God, the Creator God of all existence. They would show they loved Him with all their hearts, mind and soul. That would lead an unsaved world to the Creator God. When Israel failed under the Law and then refused and rejected His Son, the Christ it opened the door to the gentiles.

Would they the Believers (the CHURCH) take the challenge to not replace Israel but be a place holder for God's Chosen Nation. To serve the Creator God and carry His message of Love, Mercy and Grace to the World? The disciples welcomed it with open arms and walked in His ways. This was the beginning of the True CHURCH, I am speaking of the Church the Body of Christ of True Believers that Love God with all their hearts, mind and souls. It has no other name. The CHURCH was to do what Israel did not

do. God is using the Church to cause Israel to be jealous and to come back to Him. It will not happen in a significant way until the “times of the gentiles be filled”.

***Romans 11:12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? 13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: 14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. 15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? 16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. (emphasis mine)***

Paul is saying that by leading Gentiles in the “Way” which it was originally called by the Jews and Roman Procurator Felix, that if any Jews would come to a saving knowledge of Christ, then Paul would be very happy. Paul wanted to teach the Jews but God put his heart toward the Gentiles and in that way provoke the Jews to a jealousy of Christianity having the relationship with God that they were intended to have.

The term “that WAY” (*emphasis mine*) is recorded ([Acts 9:2](#); [19:9](#), [23](#); [22:4](#); [24:14](#), [22](#))

However, Paul was given to the Gentiles and that is where his assigned teaching took him. Paul a Jew was to bring the Good News to the Gentile world. In his letter Romans 11:15 Paul tries to

show the relationship between Believing Gentiles and Believing Jews

Romans 11:15 ***“If the casting away of them (the Jews) be the reconciling of the world”*** (all people; Gentiles including Jews) ***“what the receiving of them be, but life from the dead.”*** (Life given to the Jews through the Body of Christ His Church, not by works but by Faith in Christ) (emphasis and inserts mine)

***Romans 11:17*** ***And if some of the branches be broken off, (Jews) and thou, being a wild olive tree, (Gentiles) wert grafted in among them, (Righteous Jews) and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; (Gentiles)***  
***18*** ***Boast not against the branches. (unsaved Jews) But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.***  
***19*** ***Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in (Gentiles).*** ***20*** ***Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, (Jews that rejected Christ) and thou standest by faith. (Believing Gentiles) Be not highminded, but fear: (inserts mine)***

The root referred to here is Christ Jesus the Root of Salvation. The gentiles were the “wild olive tree” and were grafted into the Root to Christ through Christ and received all the richness of the Root which was originally for the Jews.

The gentile Church should not boast against the branches that were broken off (the unsaved Jews) because we the Church is nothing without Christ the Root (Jesus Christ). We don't possess the Root the Root possess us. The Jews (branches) were broken from the root by unbelief (temporarily blinded by God) and will be grafted back in by belief (faith). We do not replace the Jews; they



are temporarily removed but God is holding their place for the “remnant”.

Remember it was from the root of David the root of Abraham the beginning of Israel that we even had an opportunity to be saved. So, we should not look down on the Jews but thank God for them and fear God, because if God was willing to (temporarily blind) do that to His Chosen Nation how secure are we? Paul even asks that question, rhetorically I believe.

The answer is that we are secure as Believers through Faith and repentance of sin, DO NOT GET COCKY about our place in Christ we were grafted into Jesus because the Jews rejected Him.

***Romans 11:21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? (emphasis mine)***

A time is coming when the “true” (original chosen) branches of the Root of David; of Christ, the Jews will be grafted back into the Root. A most glorious day indeed for the nation of Israel and to God. To be back in a right standing with the Creator God.

**Q.** Could the Jews be deceived by the Anti-Christ in the Last days? How?

<https://www.bibliatodo.com/En/christian-news/rabbi-says-the-antichrist-is-the-messiah-the-jews-are-waiting-for/>

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I have to explain why I get into so much detail about almost every verse, some far more than others. I am compelled to do it by the Holy Spirit. I have read Micah I don't know how many times without studying it. When I discovered that I preferred to study and to listen to teachers that study in depth it really opened up so much of God's Word to me.

I start every verse like everyone of you. But all of a sudden a word or phrase jumps out at me, totally unexpected. For example in vs 3 it just uses the phrase. **“3And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off;.....”**

That followed vs 1 where God declares His house will be established on the mountain, followed by vs 2 that says in part:

**“2And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways,...”**

Then again to vs 3

**“3And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off;....”**

I find the Spirit of God simply says, “who are these people and when is this to happen?” And the journey of understanding begins. So, please bear with me, I am compelled by the Holy Spirit to study these words and to share what is revealed.

From vs 3 we had been answering the question of who these are; “strong nations afar off”. This again is during the Millennial Reign of Christ on the earth. There are perhaps as many as 5 categories of people on the earth at this time. We talked about the first two already. So, let’s reset the discussion from vs 3.

***3And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.***

1. *Non believers, those who will take the “mark of the beast”, they will be lovers of themselves*
2. *144,000 Jews who will testify to Israel and the world that Jesus is the Messiah King. (Chosen by God to bring the Good News to Israel, they will be protected by God but will likely be hunted by the Anti-Christ and killed. It is unclear how many survive the entire Tribulation if any or if all.)*

To finish up this 2<sup>nd</sup> group or category of people on earth during the Millennium; the 144,000 Jews/12,000 from each tribe and what they do. These 144,000 are sent to the Jews predominately but the whole world will hear their plea to receive Christ.

***Romans 11:[25](#)For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.***

This blindness came upon Israel, according to Paul. It begs the questions, when did this blindness come upon Israel?

To answer that question, we need to go to:

***Isaiah 29 Woe to the City of David***

***([Luke 19:41-44](#))***

***[1](#)Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.***

*From Strong's concordance:*

*“Transliteration: Ariel*

*Phonetic Spelling: (ar-ee-ale’)*

*Definition: “lioness of El”, a symbolic name for Jer”*

*“Ariel*

*The same as ['ariy'el](#); Ariel, a symbolical name for Jerusalem, also the name of an Israelite -- Ariel.”*

***[2](#)Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.***

***[3](#)And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.***

***[4](#)And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.***

***[5](#)Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.***

***[6](#)Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.***

***[7](#)And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.***

***[8](#)It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he***

*drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.*

**9***Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.*

**10***For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.*

**11***And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: **12**And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.*

**13***Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*

**14***Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.*

**15***Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?*

**16***Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?*

**Sanctification to the Godly**

**17Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?**

**18And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.**

**19The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.**

**20For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:**

**21That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.**

**22Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.**

**23But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.**

**24They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.**

Back to Romans 11, it is almost like the thought of God continues

**Romans 11:26And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**

**27For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.**

***28As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.***

Paul to the Church in Corinth, addressing the Jews in that fellowship.

***2 Corinthians 3:12Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: 14But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. 15But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. 16Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.***

Paul by God's Will is writing this to the Roman Christians some of which were undoubtedly Jews. God declares through Paul that "they", meaning the non-Christian Jews, are enemies of the Gospel for OUR sakes, meaning the Gentile Believers. Salvation came through the Hebrew nation to the entire world. Due to their stiff-necked rejection of Christ, the Good News was brought to the gentiles in order to make the Jews jealous of the relationship Believers have with God through Christ. Don't forget as the end of this verse says;

***Vs 28..... "but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake".***



The election likely refers back to the Jews as God's chosen people.

***Romans 11 : 5Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. 7What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded***

They the Jews are loved for the sake of God in that He will bring about what He said He will bring about and that is saving the Nation of Israel, even a remnant.

***29For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. 30For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:***

Salvation does not start with repentance. It starts with God calling each of us to His Son through the Holy Spirit. The Gift of Mercy and Grace exist through God's Own Perfect Will and are not brought about by our repentance. God's Grace and Mercy stand alone, unmovable and permanent. His Mercy and Grace are as a mountain that does not move but can be approached by the lost and saved.

I would assume that God all along planned on saving the World, His Perfect will was to do it through Israel. When Israel failed it opened the door to what He knew all too well that through Jesus'

Sacrifice on the Cross the whole world could be saved. Not **Will** be saved but **Could or Can** be saved. The call goes out to the hearts of man, some respond some don't. It has always been God desire that ALL MEN would be saved but He allows in His Permissive Will, man's free will.

***31*** *Even so have these also now not believed, that **through your mercy** they also may obtain mercy.*

"Through your mercy" It is the CHURCH the Body of Christ on earth that God intends us to show Mercy to those Jewish unbelievers that they can receive God's Mercy before the Rapture. They need His Mercy just like we did in order to Hear His Voice and realize that we needed a Savior. Until a person realizes that they are a sinner and need a Savior there is no Salvation, even though God's Grace and Mercy stand at the ready to forgive.

***32*** *For God hath concluded **(locked)** them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. (emphasis mine and inserts mine)*

God's desire is still that ALL would be saved including all of Israel. But God has locked them in un-belief for a time until as He said the Times of the Gentiles are complete, which I believe happens when Satan enters the Holy of Holies and declares Himself to be God.

Once the times of the gentiles is complete which is likely about halfway through the Tribulation their eyes will be opened, and they will see the Truth about their Messiah Jesus Christ.

3. Category is those that will Believe in Jesus Christ but after the Rapture; these will be hunted down by the Anti-Christ as they will all refuse to take the “mark of the beast”. Their loyalty is to Christ alone even unto death.

### ***Revelation 13: The Beast Out of the Sea***

***1***And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. ***2***And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. ***3***And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. ***4***And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? ***5***And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. ***6***And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

***7***And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. ***8***And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the

*foundation of the world. **9**If any man have an ear, let him hear. **10**He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.*

This next “beast” is the “False Prophet” whose job it is to create a One World Religion to worship the 1<sup>st</sup> Beast.

***11**And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. **12**And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. **13**And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, **14**And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. **15**And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

#### *The Mark of the Beast*

***16**And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: **17**And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **18**Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (emphasis mine)*

4. Those that will aid Believers to protect them from the Anti-Christ (refuse to take the mark and hideout but aid Believers, many will likely become Believers)

**Matthew 25: [31](#)When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: [32](#)And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: [33](#)And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.[34](#)Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (emphasis mine)**

These next verses clearly describe a person that helped others when they were in distress. Remember as you read these following verses, they are in context with what Jesus was saying about the judgement of the goats and sheep. That judgement is at the end of Tribulation and the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Christ.

**[35](#)For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: [36](#)Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. [37](#)Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? [38](#)When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? [39](#)Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? [40](#)And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

The term Jesus used; “The least of these my brethren”; “brethren” would be Believers in vs 35-40.

This next group the “goats” on “the left hand”, starting in vs 41 are the unsaved Jews and Gentiles. Those who emphatically reject Jesus as the Messiah and Savior.

***41Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.***

5. The last group which only has 2 Witnesses will be in Jerusalem, sent back to earth from Old Testament times to witness against Anti-Christ and for Jesus Christ. These two will be hated by the world that hates God. (non-believers, those in category 4 above.) Their identity is nowhere in the Bible revealed. Speculation is one of three possibilities: Moses and Elijah, Elijah and Enoch and finally two unknown believers that God empowers.

**Revelation 11:3** *And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4* **These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. 5** *And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 6* **These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.**

Now, of all these groups listed above, who will be on earth during the Millennial Reign of Christ in their human bodies, still having the sin nature?

Group 3 and 4, those who accepted Christ AFTER the Rapture and those who aided those Believers AFTER the Rapture on earth during the Tribulation but were not necessarily believers themselves.

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To put us back in context I'd like to review vs 1 through 3 then open with vs 4.

**1** *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.*

**2** *And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the*

***God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.***

***3And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.***

So just so we are all on the same sheet here, Micah is given from God a description of something dramatic in the future. A future so far away from the time that Micah is writing this that it would be humanly inconceivable.

Micah wrote this around 740 +/- BC. This was 210 years after Solomon built the Temple 950 BC and about 186 years after the division of Israel in about 926 BC.

Here we are in 2023, 2,763 years +/- after Micah is given this prophesy that is still not fulfilled.

God is speaking to Micah about a time when God rules the earth from a mountain top in what we know as Israel and the mountain Mt. Moriah the location of ancient Jerusalem. A time when nations made up of people that survived a 7-year Tribulation refusing to bow to Satan and refuse to



take the mark of the beast. A time when the Body of Christ Raptured and return with Christ to rule this world for a thousand years. God declares that each person will be secure in their life, so let's continue with that thought.

**4But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*.**

“they” is a reference to all those who are “human”, survived the Tribulation and are now on an earth that is ruled by Christ.

Peace reigns throughout all the earth at least at the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Christ. The Bible does not tell us when the offspring of those who survived Tribulation begin to turn against Christ, but we know by the end of the Millennium, Satan is released and raises a great army from those offspring to come against Jesus in Jerusalem.

**5For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.**

The context is referring to the Millennial time and is apparent that some of these nations have turned to false gods. ***“for all people will walk everyone in the name of his god”..***

But peace is kept around the world due to the True God and Creator of the universe. It is Christ's rule of this earth during this time that causes all to not go to war. So, every man can sit peaceably under his own fig tree without fear as in vs 4. That will all come to an end at the end of the Millennial Reign of Christ when Satan is released and pulls an army together from around the world.

### **The Restoration of Zion**

**6**In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;

A clear reference to Israel during the Millennial time. Israel has repeatedly been afflicted during its existence and driven out of her land. God will stop that from happening again.

**7**And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

The "halted" is the remnant of Israel that goes through the Tribulation in human bodies, surviving the efforts of Satan to destroy them. This remnant of Israel will be meager indeed, but God will make them into a "strong nation".

It is unclear if any of the offspring of the “remnant” of Israel will join with the gentile offspring that rebel against Christ at the end of the Millennial period.

**8**And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

This is likely the Tribe of Judah, where Jerusalem was found. God will come to them first to show His love for His chosen people the root of David. It was through this tribe that the lineage of Christ came as King and High Priest.

**9**Now why dost thou cry out aloud? *is there* no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

*Isaiah 9 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

God is foretelling Israel in general and specifically Judah IE Jerusalem that their King is coming and will rule for eternity.

When Jesus came the first time the Jews wanted a King that would set them free from Rome. They did not want a savior; they wanted a King. Jesus was and will be their “Counselor” their King and High Priest during His Millennial Reign and forever after.

**10Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go even to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.**

Micah is referring to perhaps at least two occasions in which Judah was judged by God, in the future when Micah wrote this. The first was at the end of the Babylonian Captivity and second during the times of Tribulation yet to come.

**11Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.**

A reference to many times that many nations came against Israel in general and against Judah specifically, they were hated by many neighbors in their history. When God would allow them to be attacked many neighbors would as God put it “wag” their heads in derision during Israel’s times of trouble.

***Jeremiah 18:16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.***

God would bring discipline to Judah and her sister for their rebellion.

When Satan is released at the end of the Millennial period, he will bring an army made of some of the nations formed by people that had survived the Tribulation period. These nations will undoubtedly not come to worship at Jerusalem and will suffer from lack of rain in their nations.

***Zechariah 14:17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.***

These standards (laws) that Jesus will establish during His Millennial Reign will enrage those who follow other (gods) as we saw in:

Vs ***5For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. (emphasis mine)***

The anger will build against Jesus and be ripe for Satan when he is released. It is the old sin nature that will prevail in the lives of these nations that cause them to blame Jesus for their problems, not themselves.

**12But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.**

I believe Micah is speaking about the nations that come against Jerusalem many times over history and Christ in the end of the Millennial period. Prophecies can be filled multiple times or a single time. As one of the writers of Pulpit Commentary explains in :

*“Certain historical circumstances may exactly suit the prediction, but they do not exhaust it. And indeed we do wrong to seek for minute and definite fulfilment of particular predictions. Such utterances are often conditional and are modified by subsequent circumstances.”*

<https://biblehub.com/commentaries/pulpit/micah/4.htm>

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These “nations afar off”, were filled with the lies of the sin nature and the further away from Tribulation they get the more they forget about the horrible things that Satan did during the Tribulation. Most of them will only hear of what happened, they did not experience Tribulation themselves but were born during the Millennial Reign of Christ. Whether they simply don’t believe those who lived through it or not, is uncertain. It is hard to see how this happens, but it will happen as God says. God declares that they did not heed His Counsel.

God gives a physical description of a spiritual outcome. Sheaves or bundles of wheat were placed on the threshing floor to be

subjected the rolling stone that separated the grain from its worthless shell. They would then toss the wheat shocks into the air blowing away the worthless part away with the grain falling to the threshing floor. The chaff would blow off the threshing room floor and be lost. Just like these nations that come against Jesus for the last time these are the chaff.

**13** Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

God has a special responsibility to all of Israel in the Millennial period. It is another reason I think that Jerusalem specifically but the completed Jews in general are the Bride of Christ. They will occupy all the promised land and be there to help the world walk in obedience to Christ the King. They will have power and authority. Zion may include all those saved by Faith in Christ. We as gentile believers are told that we will rule with Christ. My sense is that there will be the need to oversee the earth with Christ as the Head our King and God. There will be those that are still afflicted with the "sin nature". There is no telling how that will manifest during this time, but we do know that the end will culminate in vast army of those offspring that side with Satan once he is released.

The question if we are looking at the Millennial time is how many of those with human bodies will come to a saving knowledge of Christ during the Millennial time? And how does God deal with those?

***Vs 13 continued: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.***

It strikes me as there is a means of salvation for these people that will somehow be associated with the efforts of Believers to establish God's Truth amongst them. Perhaps that is part of our responsibility; what we will be doing during this time of ruling with Christ. I am not saying salvation by works but after Rapture salvation is a real challenge to figure out. God already has the answer it is just one of those mysteries not yet revealed.

Below verses that speak to Believers ruling with Christ.

***Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.***

***Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.***

***Matthew 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a***



***few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.***

***Luke 19: [17](#)And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. [18](#)And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. [19](#)And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities.***

***1 Corinthians 6:[2](#)Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?***

***Revelation 2:[27](#)And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.***

***Revelation 11:[18](#)And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.***

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