

God's Kingdom for all Nations

"We will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever."

Micah 4: 5b

Hope is a wonderful gift from God, a source of strength and courage in the face of life's harshest trials. Is. 40:31 speaks of the renewed strength we receive in hope. *"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

The prophet not only sees the storm coming, but he sees beyond the destruction and he sees restoration.

1. Life when the Lord rules over all is coming in the "last days".
Rev. 20 Isa. 9:6 Zech. 14:16 Zech 8:3
 - a. A place of worship of God where all people come and are safe. Vs. 1 The Lord's temple is established and is in a place of esteemed rule.
 - b. A place of learning about God's ways and our manner of life is changed because of it. Vs. 2 Ps. 86:11
 - c. A place where God Himself sits on the throne of judgment and He judges the disputes of strong nations, all nations.
Vs. 3 Ps. 96:13
 - d. A place of peace, no more war. Vs. 3 The weapons of warfare transformed for the work of pruning and plowing.
Transformation for you and me. II Cor. 3:18 Romans 12:2
Peace that passes all understanding.
 - e. A place of provision, all of our needs met that is safe. Vs. 4
Prov. 18:10 Mt. 6:8
 - f. A place where all will walk in the name of the Lord forever.
Vs. 5 S of S 2:4 Ps. 48:14

2. The Lord speaks of that day, He speaks of His plan and who is coming. The remnant that holds fast. Vs 6-8
 - a. Jesus came for the sick. Mt. 9:12-13 (Romans 3:23)
 - b. My power is made perfect in weakness. II Cor. 12:9
 - c. The song of the redeemed. Psalm 126
 - d. He speaks directly to Daughter of Zion and tells them that the former will be restored. Jer. 31:10-14 16-17

3. Now, who is your king? Where is your counselor? Where is your help? They leave the city in bondage, but He will redeem them out of the hand of the enemy. Vs.9-10 James 1:2-4 Job 19:25

God is true to His word, even in judgment.

The pagan nations see the opportunity to eat up Israel...but they don't know the plans of God. Prov. 3:5,6 Prov. 19:21

His plans ultimately include judgment on those who seek to destroy His chosen people, those who bear His name.

4. So do the work I've called you to do. Vs. 13 Spurgeon states,
“When God has a conquering work for His people to do, He will furnish them with strength and ability for it.”

“I know the plans I have for you says the Lord...they are plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future”. Jer. 29:11

For all nations and all people, come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord where we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever.