



# WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

## “Future Hope”

### WEEK 4

#### MICAH SERIES OVERVIEW

Corrupt politicians. False prophets. Weak church leaders. These were major problems during Micah’s day, which resulted in idolatry, religious ritualism, and social injustice in both Israel and Judah. Through Micah, God brings a lawsuit against the people, declaring both his righteous judgment and future salvation.

#### BOOK OF MICAH OVERVIEW

**Book of Micah Summary: A Co...**

**Micah at a Glance.pdf** -resource by David Stagers.

#### CONTEXT: Micah 4

In Micah 4, the prophet envisions a future where the Lord's house is exalted above all and nations flow to it, seeking His wisdom and peace. This chapter also promises restoration and victory for Zion, highlighting God’s ultimate plan for His people.

#### SCRIPTURE: Micah 4:1-13

1 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, 2 and many nations shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning

#### Micah 4 continued:

hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; 4 but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. 5 For all the peoples walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever. 6 In that day, declares the Lord, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted; 7 and the lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forevermore. 8 And you, O tower of the flock, hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, the former dominion shall come, kingship for the daughter of Jerusalem. 9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counselor perished, that pain seized you like a woman in labor? 10 Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor, for now you shall go out from the city and dwell in the open country; you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be rescued; there the Lord will redeem you from the hand of your enemies. 11 Now many nations are assembled against you, saying, “Let her be defiled, and let our eyes gaze upon Zion.” 12 But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand his plan, that he has gathered them as sheaves to the threshing floor. 13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion, for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples, and shall devote their gain to the Lord, their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.



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**ICEBREAKER:** Let's go back to when you were 18 years old. What was your biggest "hope" for your future at that time? How do you feel about it now?

#### STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

#### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Chapter 4 and discuss what this chapter teaches us about God and who He is?

Why are the Last Days in this passage often referred to as "Already, Not Yet"? How does understanding this impact your faith journey?

Underline the phrases in Micah 4:1-5 that show us God's promised peace. How would you describe His promised peace today?

How do verses 6-8 show us the relationship between God's discipline and restoration?

Pastor James talked about how future hope doesn't remove the need for God's discipline, but requires it." What is your initial thought when you hear this statement? How does discipline from God lead to holiness?

In verses 9-13, God promises to rescue His people from every enemy. What enemy are you needing God to rescue you from in the last days? (recurring sin, struggle, temptation)

**Deeper Community:** Share a time when God disciplined you. How did you feel about it at the time? How did you experience God's deep love for you during and after this time?

#### PRAYER

*\*For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into a men's group and women's group or in couples.*

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests. Lift up those in your group and friends that struggle during the Christmas season. Pray for Hope for Christmas and the families we will be serving on Saturday.

**Closing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for your hope and peace that come from knowing you keep your promises. As we wait on your return Jesus, help us to live every day in preparation for the moment we see You face to face. Amen

#### B.L.E.S.S. Update: Who's Your ONE?

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

**B**egin with prayer

**L**isten to their story

**E**at with them

**S**erve them

**S**hare your story and the story of Jesus