

If God were to give us a detailed account of everything that He has done or plans to do, it would require millions of books. John said that he supposed if everything Christ did during His earthly life were to be described, the world could not contain all the books that would be required (John 21:25). How much more is this true of the many details of God's plans for the future? Where we do not understand His will we should reserve judgment and humbly wait for further light.

THREE IMPORTANT PASSAGES

Christians believe that the entire Bible is God's revelation to His people, and that we should emphasize whatever it emphasizes. When we find the same vision given to two different prophets, and described by them in almost identical language, we know that God desires us to pay special heed to the truth that it contains. In this respect the similarity of Micah 4:1-4 and Isaiah 2:1-4 is almost unique in the Old Testament. Further evidence of the importance of this vision is seen in the fact that Micah thought it necessary to add the words "*for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it;*" and that Isaiah, though he had already given a title to his book at the beginning of Chapter 1, found it desirable to repeat part of that title as an introduction to this passage (Isaiah 2:1), thus stressing the fact that he himself had received this vision from God.

The prediction contained in this vision that God thought so important that He gave it to two different prophets, is further developed and emphasized in Isaiah 11:1-9.

These three passages describe a glorious future situation. Before examining them in detail we should note that the phrase "*kingdom of God*" can be used in three different senses. First, there is the general idea of a kingdom that includes everything God has made. The very breath that a man draws when he curses God is drawn only because God permits it. In this sense the kingdom of God includes everything in the universe.

In the second sense, which is much more common in Scripture, the term refers to the kingship of God over those human beings who recognize His sovereignty. Our Lord told the Pharisees that the kingdom of God was among them. Right in their very midst were Jesus Christ and His disciples, who were subject to Him,