

We can almost see Micah looking at the godly people among his hearers, seeing the despair upon their faces and feeling the need of giving them something to encourage them and to strengthen their hearts. It is as if he said to them, "This is not the end. Man has failed God miserably and God is going to pour out the vials of His wrath upon them, but it is not the end. There are better days beyond. There is a wonderful springtime yet to come." It is not because we deserve it nor for any goodness of our own, but because of God's wonderful Grace that Micah is able to assure us that God is yet going to establish on this earth a wonderful Millennial Age of righteousness.

Micah's words fit conditions in our own day, and we desperately need the message that he gave to Israel in this same situation. We need to learn that there is a wonderful springtime ahead in God's marvelous plan.

After Micah presents the terrible doom of Verse 12, he makes a sudden transition to the wonderful blessing that God is going to bring in the last days.

II. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM - Micah 4:1-8

These verses contain Micah's vision of the last days. In order to understand what he is depicting, it will be well for us to look at the various characteristics of the kingdom that he describes.

1. An Earthly Kingdom - 4:1-2

It is quite surprising to find that a number of commentaries, after stating that 3:12 has been literally fulfilled, declare that what follows is a beautiful picture of Heaven or that it is a portrayal of God's spiritual dealings with His church. If either of these had been what Micah had in mind, he would hardly have proceeded to use exactly the same phrases as he had used in 3:12. The two passages are tied closely together. The first two verses of this wonderful picture