

33-Micah-04-Transcript

[Music]

[Music]

well greetings brethren and welcome back
to uh chapter four
of the book of micah here on this fourth
day of the feast of tabernacles
2021 and now we're into the good news
and in fact um
tonight at 7 30 pm eastern time
hopefully you'll be able to rejoin us
i'm going to be doing a bible study a
general bible study for the congregation
here in collingwood and i'm going to
talk about the book of micah as a whole
uh so today we're just going to get into
the chapter uh chapter number four and
we'll go through it line by line but i'd
like you to join me this evening and we
are planning to broadcast at the same
place you're joining right now uh god
willing we'll be able to broadcast again
this evening at 7 30 where i want to
talk about the book of micah as a whole
but let's uh let's open with prayer and
then get right into micah chapter four
loving father we pause to come before
you to thank you lord god
for your counsel uh for your plan
that as dark and as hopeless
as this world seems
it isn't without hope father in fact we
are full of hope when we come to
understand your counsel and your plan
which you declared so many thousands of
years ago
in which you have amplified uh through
the voice of your prophets and this
particular prophet micah was studying we
thank you for him we thank you for his
ministry
and we thank you father we have access
now to his scroll

and pray that you'll bless our
understanding and deepen our faith and
our conviction
and give us the light that we need
uh to navigate this dark world we thank
you father and we praise you we praise
jesus christ in whose name we pray amen
very very good brethren let us get into
micah

chapter four

and uh i just want to go back a little
bit let's start here in chapter three
where we ended off
in verse 12 uh which was some pretty bad
news therefore shall zion for your sake
be plowed
as a field they just you can just see
the destruction
they have no resistance to this and
jerusalem shall become heaps
and the mountain of the house as the
high places of the forest
now this is exactly what christ
prophesied when he was on earth in
matthew 23 and verse 37 and this
precedes matthew 24 and the great olivet
prophecy but here in verse 37
of matthew 23 christ
cries out o jerusalem jerusalem you that
kill the prophets and stone them which
are sent on to you
how often would i have gathered jordan
together even as a hen gathers her
chickens under her wings but you
wouldn't have it you didn't want that
you wanted your own way
and then he says behold your house is
left unto you desolate
and that's just what we read in micah
that's what we read in daniel that we've
read in isaiah all the prophets are
seeing this very same thing that moises
laid down
in deuteronomy

so here
he prophesies of jerusalem
you're going to be desolate
and then he says this immediately after
verse 38 we read verse 39 you're going
to be desolate
for i say unto you you shall not see me
again until you shall say
blessed is he
that comes in the name of the lord so we
go from this terrible bad news of
desolation
to clearly a situation where the
relationship has been restored
and these same jews this same jerusalem
is now
joyful
over the return of their lord and that's
what we're going to see as we transition
from micah chapter 3 verse 12
into micah chapter 4 and verse 1. but i
want us to read it
from isaiah
and compare that
to micah so it's a passage that we're
quite familiar with mike is going to
give us a little bit more information or
different information than isaiah does
but it's going to be surprising how
similar
these two passages are and in fact what
i want to do is while we're reading from
micah
chapter 4 and verse 1
let us also
compare it
to
isaiah chapter 2
and verse 2. so let me just scroll down
here
to micah
chapter 4 and verse 1.
so after this terrible destruction
that's been prophesied against zion

against jerusalem immediately after the
same way christ immediately after he
declared their desolation
he says you'll you'll see me again and
you'll call me blessed
so immediately after this desolation in
312 we read in 4-1 but in the last days
it shall come to pass
that the mountain of the lord shall be
established in the top of the mountains
what do we read in isaiah remember micah
is a mini isaiah what do we read in
isaiah and it shall come to pass in the
last days that the mountain of the
lord's house
shall be established in the top of the
mountains
so
very very similar very very similar the
mountain of the house of the lord shall
be established in the top of the
mountains
that here that the mountain of the
lord's house shall be established in the
top of the mountains
and then micah goes on to say and it
shall be exalted above the hills isaiah
says and shall be exalted above the
hills
and people shall flow unto it
this is the hebrew word alm
isaiah says
the nations all and all nations shall
flow onto it so peoples will flow onto
it from micah
from isaiah all the gentile nations
will flow unto it
verse two
now
where micah says
and many many gentile nations
shall come
now isaiah says and many people shall go
and say

come you and let us go up to the
mountain of the lord the same these
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
to the house of the god of jacob says
isaiah
and then micah says
and he will teach us of his ways
isaiah says and he will teach us of his
ways
micah says and we will walk in his paths
isaiah says and we will walk in his
paths
micah says for the law the torah
shall go forth of zion
isaiah says for out of zion shall go
forth the law
then we see in micah
and the word of the lord the word of
jehovah from jerusalem
and isaiah and the word of jehovah from
jerusalem
now
verse 3
in
micah and verse 4 in isaiah 2
micah 4 3 and he shall judge among many
people the alm
and rebuke strong
here
isaiah flips this and he shall judge
among the
and shall rebuke many arm i mean
so this is interesting i'm not sure what
to make of the the the changing in
positions of the nations versus the
peoples but it really is the same sense
that these are gentile peoples
that have finally come to their senses
and god has established himself firmly
in jerusalem and the peoples of
jerusalem
that the tribes of israel are also

established and exalted in the earth
and the
the gentile nations who have been
opposed
to
israel and judah and have been
persecuting israel and judah have been
brought to their senses
and now all over the world
people all over the world
want to come to jerusalem to be taught
the torah
and then he says this
he shall judge among many nations he
shall judge among the nations
and rebuke strong nations are far off
and isaiah says and shall rebuke many
people so there's now there's a a
difference that's noteworthy
that where isaiah says he's going to
rebuke the he's going to rebuke
many many people
micah says
he'll judge among many people and rebuke
strong nations mighty
these have been powerful nations
he's going to rebuke the mighty
are far off
afar the hebrew given the sense that
there he doesn't even have to go to them
he just sends message to them behave
yourself
and that's enough for them to come to
their senses
that from a far distance he just sends
message behave yourself
and they back off whatever the whatever
foolish plans they had in mind he's
going to micah says he's going to rebuke
strong nations from afar
and and with this rebuke then he says
they shall beat their swords into
plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks so

now they're spears they're going to use
as pruning hooks to prune trees
and their swords they're going to use as
plowshares to till the soil so they're
going to become
much more constructive or they're going
to become constructive instead of being
destructive
and they're going to be fruitful instead
of being destructive
and so micah uh repeat uh micah and the
isaiah are seeing the same prophecy
isaiah says and they shall beat their
swords into plowshares and their spirits
into pruning hooks micah just giving the
added nuance that the messiah doesn't
even have to go to these nations
he can rebuke them from afar off he just
sends message from a distance
and they immediately
stop their
gentile ways and come to conform to
god's ways micah goes on
nation shall not lift up a sword against
nation
uh translated for isaiah nation shall
not lift up sword against nation
micah neither shall they learn war
anymore isaiah neither shall they learn
war anymore so we really get this very
very strong sense
that
from both isaiah and micah
this is the good news
and and i'll talk tonight about the
structure of isaiah so we take the good
news in its proper context but this is
the good news
this time of confusion and chaos and
debauchery and
and destitution and oppression all of it
is over
and now we have the abundance of peace
through the presence of messiah and this

just um all of the technology all of the
efforts of these nations
has been around learning war and again
we've just gifted uh the taliban
with 85 billion dollars of everything
that the latest technology of what we've
learned in the west
about making war
which is sometimes very necessary
although we don't want to learn it
anymore now this current white house is
just ready to uh
roll over and show its underbelly and
allow any beast of the field to come and
devour
but all of that has been given to the
taliban and they're studying it now
they're trying to understand how to
optimize the use of this latest
technology because they've been learning
war and then particularly we know that
their focus
is to destroy jerusalem
this notion
that all of these gentile peoples are
going to be in gathered and are going to
come to messiah
this is god's counsel from the beginning
declaring the end from the beginning and
from ancient times that which is not yet
done saying my counsel shall stand and
here
in
genesis 49
as uh as um
here israel is is declaring
this prophecy
for the end time over his sons he says
in verse 10
the scepter shall not depart from judah
it will not there's nothing anybody can
do they cannot destroy the jewish race
there are the jewish peoples and they
cannot remove the scepter from judah god

has declared this the scepter shall not
depart from judah nor a law giver from
between his feet until shiloh come
and unto him that is unto shiloh unto
the messiah shall the gathering of the
people be
there's a prophecy of what the feast of
tabernacles pictures this feast have
been gathering
of all the peoples of the earth declared
from the very beginning in genesis
now
micah goes on from isaiah
and gives us some additional information
and again this is critical when we put
micah in its whole context which i will
do god willing this evening he says in
verse 4
but they shall sit
every man
and now this is that they
is judah
so they are going to be rebuked
judah
who have been under this incredible
curse
judah shall sit every man under his vine
and under his fig tree and none
none of these
shall make them afraid although they've
all been
obsessed
with this pathological murderous desire
to destroy the jew
now the jew can sit
under his vine and under his fig tree
and have a sense of independence
and not have to worry about where his uh
sustenance is going to come from and not
have to worry about his safety
he'll have both sustenance and safety
under messiah
because that's what christ said that was
my desire

that i i wanted to gather your children
the way the way a chick way ahead
gathers her chicks that's what i've
always wanted to do
and now that's what he's going to do
he's going to gather his children
and he's going to have them under his
wings and the nations that have this
hatred for judah if they try anything
silly they're going to be rebuked from
afar off
put down those weapons of war
or i'm going to show you what's going to
happen to you
and they're going to immediately put it
down and see how they can take this 85
billion gift of weaponry and see how
they can turn it into agricultural
assets that they can actually be
productive
and none shall make them afraid why for
the mouth of jehovah the lord of hosts
of odds has spoken it he's the lord of
armies
and he's spoken that my people shall
have peace
now
that is in contrast to what they have
immediately before he returns in matthew
24 and verse 16 it's clear look at verse
19 then let them which be in judea the
jews
flee into the mountains
and woe unto them
the jew s's
that are with child if you're a pregnant
jew at this time
you're cursed
because you're not going to be able to
flee the way you have to and these
people that are after you they hate you
with a pathological murderous hatred
and they're going to have great delight
and joy

in slaughtering you and the child in
your womb it's horrible to have to say
this
but this is the pathological rhetoric
that they are programmed by
and they're going to
destroy the pregnant jew
and and if you've just given birth and
you're giving suck to that child you're
cursed as well
this this is the extreme curse that has
come
upon jerusalem in this last time and
this is now
in contradistinction and opposition to
what happens to the jew when christ
returns
now they're gathered now they're safe
they can sit under their vine make their
wine
have their grapes
have their fresh figs have their
fellowship with one another all under
their king
jesus christ
going on in micah 4 and verse 5
this is why they're going to have this
peace and safety
that this is why every jew will be under
their own vine
and then the
gentiles will be rebuked
and they will
learn peace
the reason we can have where the jews
can have
this great peace now
for all people will walk everyone in the
name of his god
and this is going to be a process of
bringing them along to the truth and
they're going to have to come and learn
and we the jews micah is a jew
we will walk in the name of the lord our

god
forever
and ever this is great news
this is extremely good and this is the
same thing we see in isaiah isaiah also
a contemporary to micah also a prophet
to judah remember we've got hosea and
amos in the north
they're the prophets to israel and
they're contemporaries to micah and
isaiah micah and isaiah are in the south
and they're prophets to the jews
and so here in speaking to a jew
speaking to the jews he says
we will walk in the name of the lord our
god and we know from zechariah that
people all over the world when they see
a jew they're going to say oh let us go
with you well they'll take the garment
of a jew and follow him
to to zion
so the jews are going to have an exalted
status israel is going to have an
exalted status on the earth that is
god's plan from the beginning
and it's going to come to pass these
physical humans
are going to be on the earth with
exalted status because they are the
people of god
and so we will walk in the name of the
lord our god forever and ever this has
been determined from the beginning in
fact in the gospel of according to luke
as we are coming to understand the
messiah's first arrival on earth uh he
he has prophesied that he shall reign
what should we where is he going to
reign over just generally speaking over
the whole earth
he shall reign over the house of jacob
forever
and that immediately tells us jacob is
forever

islamic doctrine
it
quran notwithstanding
which says that they must destroy
completely every jew
well too bad because the council of the
lord is that he will reign over the
house of jacob forever that means there
must be a jacob forever
and of his kingdom there shall of his
kingdom there shall be no end of that
fourth kingdom it's coming to a sad
climactic end but of this kingdom there
shall be no end back to micah 4 and
verse 6
in that day
says yehovah
will i assemble
her that limps
and i will gather her that is driven out
and her that i have afflicted
so
again when we read this in context
this is speaking of the jews
and her that i have afflicted
means god is treating this
people
as his enemy
because they have decided to be his
enemy but he's still in covenant with
them
so they they've decided to be his enemy
the jews so he is afflicting them
with the rod of of the gentiles
and it's it's horrible it's horrific
but he's afflicting her not to make a
complete end of her
but to to turn her to convert her to
heal her
and to cause her to come to repentance
so through this process now there will
be a remnant
and that remnant that's left
will be

a sorry state
that remnant that's left will be
you know amputees
you know that the suicide bomber blew up
in front of them and then they managed
to survive but they lost both their legs
or both their arms or their legs and
their arms
they're a mess
and this is who he's coming to save
there will be a remnant a lie
when christ returns but they're going to
be in pitiful shape
and he's going to assemble her that
limps and he's going to gather her
that's driven out this is deuteronomy
language and her that i have afflicted
and god has done this
and i will make her that limps a remnant
and i gather them all and i'm going to
make them a people
and her that was cast far off a strong
nation this is all deuteronomy
and the lord shall reign over them in
mount zion from henceforth even forever
when christ returns
the first fruits
in christ
who have the holy spirit
when he returns we're changed
if we're dead we're resurrected
and we're we're caught up together
with him in the clouds
and we meet him in the air
and then we descend with him and we are
part of his
his palace his royal spiritual palace
so this is not speaking of the church
now that he's descended
he is gathering physical human beings
who have been harmed by his affliction
he has done this to them
because they have brought it upon
themselves according to the covenant but

because he's a god of covenant he hasn't completely destroyed them
he's now from this remnant that's left over that's been through a horrendous ordeal he's now gathering them and he's going to and he's placing them in the promised land and he's going to reign over them
and this is why they're going to be able to have safety
they're going to sit under their vine
they're going to have their fig tree
they're going to have fellowship with their neighbors and they're going to be at peace these physical human beings after going through this horrendous ordeal where all the nations have been gathered together against them
isaiah in isaiah 35 and verse 3 again these are contemporary prophets
and and mike is like a mini isaiah and so the message that we read in isaiah 35 and verse 3 regarding those that are limping and deformed and have been through this ordeal
isaiah 35 and verse 3 he says strengthen you the weak hands
and confirm the feeble knees in fact just to yesterday's news
uh israel has this iron dome where all of these rockets are being launched into uh jerusalem and and they've got this technology that can intercept these rockets
and prevent them from from detonating on on this on the civilians it's really advanced technology and very expensive technology and america has been supporting them with this technology is completely defensive
only if rockets come into jerusalem does it does it get activated it's not offensive at all it's completely

defensive

and now this uh white house this this
current administration has withdrawn
a billion the billion dollars it's a
billion dollars a year that america
funds the this iron dome

this uh current administration has
withdrawn that billion dollars a year
they're anti-semitismites they hate the
jews

and and and so this is the um

this is just a glimpse
of israel's future

once america collapses
they will have no more support
israel is able to exist in the middle
east the way that it does because of her
alliance with america

well that's going to be taken away
and you can have israel in the middle
east surrounded by hostile neighbors
and they're going to go through
torture

but isaiah says to strengthen you the
weak hands and confirm the feeble needs
say to them that are of a fearful heart

so this is about terrorism
they have been terrorized say to those
that have been terrorized

be strong

so isaiah is telling somebody to tell
the jews this message
somebody needs to understand the gospel
precisely enough and comprehensively
enough

that we can go anywhere and talk to
anybody and give them the good news
to the gentiles it's going to be a
warning

but to judah and israel it's going to be
a comfort it's a warning as well but
there's comfort for them and here's the
comfort

as i will later say in isaiah 40 comfort

my people say to them that are
terrorized of a fearful heart
be strong fear not
behold your god will come with vengeance
even god with a recompense he he hates
what's happening to you
and he's allowing it but he hates it and
he's going to come with vengeance on
these gentile nations he will come and
save you
he's coming to say this is a physical
salvation
he's coming to save you physically so
that you can know your god and be then
saved spiritually
then he says at this time remember
christ says
that you you have to understand the
abomination that makes desolate you have
to understand daniel
that there's an abomination that makes
desolate and isaiah's in chapter 6 says
these people are going to be blinded
until the abomination that makes
jerusalem desolate
so then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened
and the ears of the death death shall be
unstopped
so this is now physical healing that's
going to come to them and this is also
the spiritual awakening for them as well
then shall the lame man leap
as a deer and i don't know if you've
ever seen a deer leap we used to live in
the country and you see a deer come up
near the fence and then maybe a coyote
comes or we open the door to something
to to uh to spook them and they're right
beside the fence and then they'll just
immediately leap over the fence or
they'll put their tail up and signal to
the others there's danger you just see
them leap over the fence just like that

well this this um victim
of these terrorist attacks
who's now lame
isaiah is saying when christ returns
the lame man
will leap like a deer he's going to have
his law his legs are going to be that
strong
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing
and with then singing praises to god
for in the wilderness shall waters break
out and streams in the desert so both
isaiah
and micah
are giving us this detail
this high definition view of the future
which is simply amplifying moises
moises laid all of this down and i know
i've returned to deuteronomy 30 it's
sort of our go-to scripture but let's
just read it again just so that we
understand this this pattern that we see
in micah this pattern that we see in
isaiah of this very strong uh curse
that's unapologetic
it's undiluted but then it's followed
by good news
well this is what's happening
deuteronomy 30 and verse 1 it shall come
to pass when all these things what
things deuteronomy 28 and 29 the
blessings for obedience the curses for
disobedience when all these things are
come upon you
the blessing and the curse which i have
set before you and you shall call them
to mind among all the nations the
where the lord your god has driven you
he's afflicted you he's done this to you
because you're under covenant
and so your behavior activated this part
of the covenant clauses
and that's when you shall return you'll
repent you'll return unto the lord your

god and you shall obey his voice
according to all that i command you this
day that's what isaiah is seeing
that's what micah is seeing what mooses
saw
you and your children
with all your heart and with all your
soul
this is what
god said to isaiah i don't want this to
be premature
i'm not looking for a halfway repentance
so i want you to take this message to
them but they're not going to hear you
and isaiah says well how long does this
go on and he says until i make the
cities of judah and jerusalem desolate
until then they will not understand
until then with very few exceptions they
will be blinded and deaf
and only then will i release them
because i wouldn't want them to give me
some sort of superficial repentance to
to turn and to be healed to be converted
and then it's superficial
i really need this to be an eternal
relationship
and for that to happen i need to drive
these people
truly to their needs
i need to drive them to a deep deep deep
deep repentance and so i'm going to
withhold
any sort of enlightenment from them
and just let them have their way
and and
let's see how it turns out for them and
i want them to understand how it turns
out for them and they reject me
so eventually they come to their senses
and they repent and they turn to god
with all their heart and with all their
soul that's holy spirit language
the carnal mind is enmity against god so

this can only happen with the aid of the
holy spirit
that then
the lord your god will end your
captivity
so
both israel and judah are just in the
early stages now
of going into captivity
we've done this already this is the
cycle but christ that i came
to fill to the full
so these cycles that we've been through
already in 721 bc
and i think it was uh 586 bc
with assyria and babylon these were sort
of the opening acts as devastating as
they were but christ that have come to
fall to the full so there's going to be
an end time fulfillment of these things
we call the great tribulation
that where christ fills these prophecies
to the full
and that when they repent now under this
great tribulation that then the lord
your god will will end your captivity
and have compassion on you
so he's hiding his face from jacob
but this is the time now he's going to
have compassion on you and we'll return
and gather you from all the nations
where the lord your god has scattered
you so 85 billion dollar gift in
military assets
to the taliban
is not some
accident no it's not
it's not mere incompetence no it's not
it's a deliberate act of hostility
to christianity and to christians and to
americans by a treacherous
administration
but as much as they think they're being
clever

they're still just tools of god and god
is transferring this power to the
gentile nations diminishing the
israelite nations so that he can lead
the israelite nations into captivity and
scatter them
and that's the the near future
and it's god who's actually
orchestrating this
but he says if any of yours any of yours
you're the dna
descendants of jacob
be driven out to the outermost parts of
heaven
even from there
because god is a god of covenant
even from there
will the lord your god gather you and
from there will he fetch you don't worry
god is a god of covenant you might not
be a people of covenant you may break
covenants all the time you may make
promises and break them every day
that doesn't change god
he entered into this covenant knowingly
you entered into it knowingly
you me we've broken the covenant
but he doesn't break the covenant
and so because of that it doesn't matter
how far how how extremely painful this
punishment is and how far reaching their
scattering is it doesn't matter if they
carry the dna of jacob from there
the faithful god the god of covenant oh
god who is like you this god is going to
gather them from the far corners of the
earth and bring them back
from there will he fetch you
and the lord your god will bring you
into the land which your fathers
possessed so there's a specific
geographical footprint of real estate
that the ancient israelites possessed
that god gave them

and in this end time when christ returns
his angels gonna gather these israelites
and he's gonna put them right back in
that specific land
that specific real estate it's theirs
forever
and you shall possess it the same land
that your ancient fathers possessed and
he will do you good
and multiply you above your fathers so
they were really blessed when they came
into this land you think of the
blessings of under david and solomon
this what's coming is going to far
exceed that
and the lord your god will circumcise
your heart here it is
this is holy spirit language
these people are destined to be fully
truly converted into the family of god
and the lord your god will circumcise
your heart and this by the way is a
prophecy to all of jacob
now the northern tribes were divorced
and the covenant today is only with the
south with judah
but when christ returns ezekiel tells us
that israel will be gathered as well and
made at one with judah and that's how
israel will come back into covenant with
god so that everything that god has
promised the fathers will be fulfilled
the lord your god will circumcise your
heart and the heart of your seed to love
the lord your god with all your heart
that is holy spirit language
that is not possible carnally the
natural mind cannot do this
and so he's going to after all of this
brutal suffering
and then deep repentance
and then there is there are people that
are with god
that are helping god in this conversion

process who are giving them the true
teachings and they come to learn to love
the lord their god with all their heart
with all their soul that they may live
live forever
and
even though god has used the gentile
nations
to allow them to have their way with his
people
moses says and the lord your god will
put all these curses
what what curses
deuteronomy 28 and 29
back half of 28 in chapter 29 those
curses
that come from disobedience to god
the jew first but also the gentile
he'll put all these curses upon your
enemies and on them that hate you
which persecuted you
and you shall return and obey the voice
of the lord and do all his commandments
which i command you this day and so
they're going to be in this promised
land that was given to their fathers
they're going to inherit it they're
going to be converted they're going to
be fully
complying with the mind of god and with
torah and then the gentiles from all
over the world are going to be rebuked
they're going to turn their instruments
of war that they were using against
israel they're going to turn those
instruments of war into farming
instruments
and then they're going to say like okay
let's stop our insanity
this this psychological derangement that
we've been under
let's come out from under this satanic
influence
and you know what

let's go to zion let's keep the feast of
tabernacles let's make the let's make
the trip there
and let's learn there's physical human
beings there
who are a kingdom of priests
let's learn from them
and those kingdom and priests will be
aided by teachers over them this is the
whole plan of god
he says
that you will do all his commandments
which i command you so the gentiles are
saying let's go and learn torah these
people are keeping torah now with their
whole heart
and so
now the
the first fruits today
were physical human beings
with the holy spirit
even though we're physical carnal human
beings the holy spirit enables us to
think in ways that the natural mind
cannot
the holy spirit enables us to understand
the scriptures
in ways that the natural mind can't the
natural mind picks up the bible and says
oh that i read that that's garbage that
doesn't make any sense it's foolishness
with the holy spirit we read it it makes
all the sense in the world
and so in the same way
at this time when christ is on earth
we're not going to be physical human
beings anymore but there will be
physical human beings
who are in compliance with god who have
the holy spirit of god and who can teach
other physical human beings the way we
today as physical human beings teach
other physical human beings that's what
moses sees here

the lord your god will make you
plenteous in every work of your hand in
the fruit of your body and in the fruit
of your cattle and in the fruit of your
land for good
for the lord
will rejoice again will again rejoice
over you for good as he rejoiced over
your father so there was a very intimate
a very special relationship
that god had with israel
they broke the covenant they they became
his enemy they they did everything the
exact opposite of what they said they
would do in this marriage covenant
but god is going to restore the covenant
and he's going to rejoice over them
again the way he rejoiced over their
fathers back to micah
now verse 8
and you
oh tower of the flock
the stronghold
of the daughter of zion
unto you shall it come
even the first dominion the kingdom
shall come to the daughter of jerusalem
so now
you can picture
the flock these are physical israelites
in in in the case of mikey speaking
specifically of judah
being gathered
back to
jerusalem
and you can see this watchtower
in jerusalem
where the shepherd can kind of see to
make sure that the sheep
are in are not in danger and if there's
any predators he can see the predators
are far off
from the tower as opposed to a situation
where they have false shepherds who

don't care who actually signal well god
can say to the beasts of the field come
and devour these sheep because the
shepherds don't care
everyone's in for their own gain
everyone is just a self-interest
in this case
we have this tower of the flock
that can oversee the sheep in zion
the stronghold of the daughter design so
no enemies can approach
when the watchtower is there unto you
shall it come
even the first dominion well what is the
first dominion
well king david set it up
he finally had peace all around and
established the kingdom of israel the
way god had intended not completely in
terms of all the real estate but he set
it up in terms of that theocracy a man
after god's own heart
and and now the promises we know through
jeremiah david will be resurrected david
will sit on the throne and rule over
the the the children of israel under
christ and so this unto you shall it
come ozil daughter of zion
even the first dominion the kingdom
shall come to the daughter of jerusalem
and you can kind of see the daughter of
jerusalem sort of the end time the
daughter is the one that comes at the
end
so jerusalem her daughter comes at the
end
and here in psalm 48 again the spirit of
rejoicing or the the establishment of
jerusalem here the psalmist says walk
about zion and go round about her tell
the towers thereof so design is
established the towers are established
and the people are safe with these
watchtowers

um i was listening this morning to a
beautiful song i just love this song
it's uh zion's walls by aaron copland i
could just google that or go on youtube
and search for that
zion walls and it's just such an
inspiring song and this get this vision
of of the walls of zion being
established and and the joy of rallying
around these these zion's walls
he said mark you well hope her bull
works
consider her palaces that you may tell
it to the generation following so just a
great uh picture of the establishment of
physical jerusalem on the earth back to
micah 4 and verse 9.
now why do you cry aloud
is there no king in you
is your counselor perished for pangs
have taken you as a woman in travail now
as we read this we should immediately
think of matthew 24. so certainly the
disciples of christ who were jews known
very conversant with the scriptures when
he says all these are the beginning of
sorrows he's pointing to this woman in
travail who's the woman
it's judah
and and she's she's in travail she's
about to give birth to a nation
he says for pens have taken you as a
woman in travail but there but you have
to go through these labor pains in order
to get to this end result
be in pain
and labor to bring forth
there's no getting around this
there's no in order to have the baby you
have to be in pain and you have to labor
to bring forth oh daughter of zion like
a woman in travail
for now
shall you go forth out of the city and

shall dwell in the field
and you shall go even to babylon
there shall you be deliberate so this is
really fascinating for micah's
generation
that their entire concern
is
going to be
assyria
that is the nation that is the
powerhouse that's the superpower on the
earth
and now mike is saying
yeah you're actually going to go to
babylon
and from babylon that's where you're
going to be gathered and as we read the
the prophecies for the end time it
becomes clear that assyria and babylon
become converged and when christ returns
he's going to gather them from babylon
but he's going to destroy the assyrian
at the same time so we know that assyria
as an empire
is going to come under babylon in the
end time
here babylon is going to ascend and be
over assyria
so he says
and you shall
go even to babylon and from there you'll
be delivered there the lord shall redeem
you from the hand of your enemies and
again that happened in 586 bc
that happened but it's it's dual it's
it's yet in future
when when the true fulfillment will
happen through the great tribulation
now also many nations are gathered
against you
that say let her be defiled and let our
eye look upon zion so again this is in
contrast or country distinction to every
man sitting under his vine

and under his fig tree complete peace
and safety
well prior to that she has the labor to
bring forth
and part of the labor is dealing with
this intense hatred all nations of the
earth gathering together to say let her
be defiled and let our eye look let our
let's really focus on zion and destroy
jerusalem this is what christ tells us
when you shall see jerusalem surrounded
with armies then know that the
desolation thereof is not is near so
christ you know too many traditional
christians
they just pick up the new new testament
and just run with it like it has no
bearing
it's just in isolation
and and what we call the hebrew bible
has nothing to do with it
christ was a jew speaking to jews and
everything he said they understood
and so clearly when he says when you see
jerusalem surrounded with armies
know that the desolation thereof is near
what desolation desolation isaiah speaks
of the desolation daniel speaks of the
desolation jeremiah speaks of the
desolation here that micah is speaking
of that nations are going to be gathered
against you or surrounding you that's
exactly what christ is warning
here in ezekiel 35
in verse 5
he's speaking now to esau
and he says to east again he saw an
ishmael intermingle
and become a people with with egypt
and they have a perpetual hatred it's
perpetual
it goes back in time and it doesn't stop
because you have had a perpetual hatred
and have shed the blood of the children

of israel by the force of the sword in
the time of their calamity
in the time that their iniquity had an
end
because you have said
these two nations and these two
countries shall be mine and we will
possess it
whereas the lord was there so they don't
understand so they think they can have
their way they see a weakness it's time
for us to pounce it's time for us to
jump in we can ha now have our way with
these people and with these countries
but the lord was there
he has other plans he's using you but
he's not going to let you have your way
fully
micah 4 and verse 12
here it is
but they know not the thoughts of
jehovah
they don't know his thoughts
we do
we can look at the world we can watch
world news and we can understand what's
unfolding
they have no idea
they think they're clever they think
they're smart they think they can have
their own way but god is working out his
counsel and he says but they know not
the thoughts or the plans of the lord
neither understand they his counsel his
counsel meaning his plans
for he shall gather them as the sheaves
into the floor so nobody can undo god's
counsel
as powerful as these gentile nations are
he's just he's going to rebuke them from
afar off
behave yourself
and that goes thousands and thousands of
miles or kilometers and they get the

message and they say you know what we
better behave ourselves this this king
is mighty this is the almighty god
isaiah what does he say in isaiah 46 and
verse 9

remember the former things of old
for i am god this is regarding his
counsel

that these gentiles as powerful as they
are they cannot override the council of
god all they can do is operate within
what god allows and so god allows their
perpetual hatred to gain traction and
then he puts an end to it

in matthew 24 he says

unless those days were shortened
no jew no jewish flesh would be saved
alive because the whole agenda is to
destroy the satanic agenda is to destroy
the jew

and from the prophets we understand
christ is coming to save the jew
to save israel and to establish the
tribes of jacob in the earth

and all over the earth people are going
to acknowledge the tribes of israel

he says here in isaiah 46 and verse 9

remember the former things of old for i
am god

and there is none else

i am god and there is none like me micah
who is like jehovah

who is like god mike is like wow

this this covenant keeping god who is
like this

and isaiah says the same thing

he says to isaiah i am god

and there is none like me

none nobody does this

there's nobody anywhere in the entire
universe

that's like this

what is he like

this covenant keeping god what is he

like
he says this there's none like me and
then he describes himself
declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times the things that
are not yet done saying
my counsel
my plans shall stand and i will do all
my pleasure
he'll have mercy upon whom will have
mercy
and he intends to have mercy through the
covenant on israel
and as powerful as these gentile nations
are and become
it doesn't matter
his counsel will stand his covenant will
be fulfilled
back to michael 4 verse 13
arise and thresh o daughter of zion
for i will make your horn iron as much
as you've been under tribulation as much
as you've been under desolation arise
and thresh defend yourself zechariah 12
for i will make your horn iron
and i will make your hoofs brass
and you shall beat in pieces many people
i'm going to empower you to fight back
and you're going to destroy these
gentiles
and i will consecrate their gain unto
the lord all of that 85 billion dollars
in in assets that went to the taliban
it's coming back to israel
all of the wealth of the gentiles will
be brought back to israel and i will
consecrate their gain unto the lord and
their substance unto the lord of the
whole earth isaiah says the same thing
here in isaiah 41 and verse 14
fear not
you worm jacob you you defenseless worm
and you men of israel
god says

i will help you it's okay don't be
afraid i will help you and we
who are preaching the gospel
need to understand this
so that we can be a relevant voice in
this world
and all nations will hate us because
they've all gone after a satanic agenda
and we're saying no this is wrong and
this gospel will be a witness against
them

i will help you says the lord and your
redeemer the holy one of israel that's
who he is he identifies himself in this
marriage covenant with israel i'm the
holy one israel is corrupt i'm the holy
one of israel and because i'm the holy
one of israel redeem israel

verse 15

behold i will make you a new sharp
threshing instrument having teeth think
zechariah 12.

i will make you a new sharp threshing
threshing instrument having teeth and
you shall thresh the mountains and beat
them small

and shall make the hills as chaff
powerful powerful good news
from the prophet michael micah
and

that good news is in the context of some
very bad news and i'm going to talk
about that this evening god willing
you'll be able to join us this evening
at 7 30 p.m uh we're going to talk about
the gospel according to michael
and the structure of the whole book of
michael but that's micah chapter four
we're seeing now that the good news is
breaking through and that's not the end
chapter five is more good news and so
we'll cover that god willing tomorrow
morning but i hope that you'll be able
to join us tonight for

an overview of the book of micah god
bless you enjoy day four of the feast of
tabernacles
you