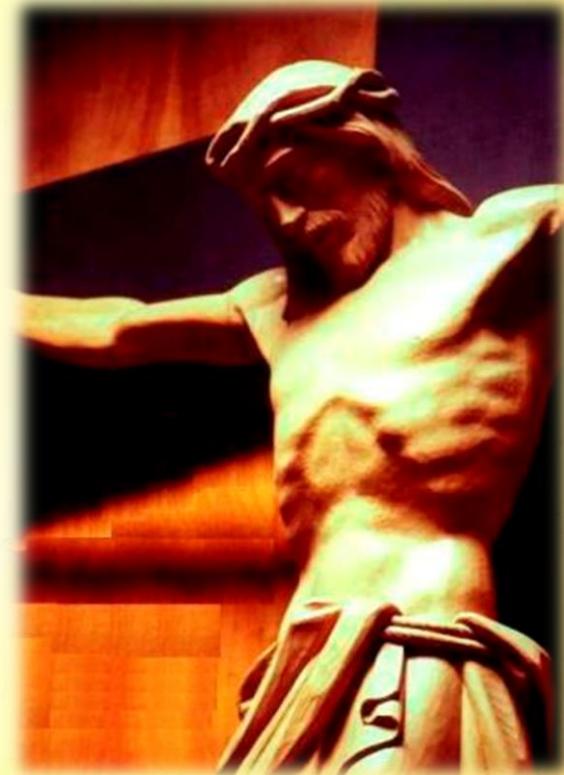


# The Messianic Age

- **Time or Era of the Messiah**
  - Messiah
    - Old Testament Term
    - Christ
    - Savior
- **Learning of the Messiah**
  - New Testament Believers
  - Old Testament Believers
- **Promises and Prophecies**
  - Micah 4:1-5 / Isaiah 2:2-4
  - Background

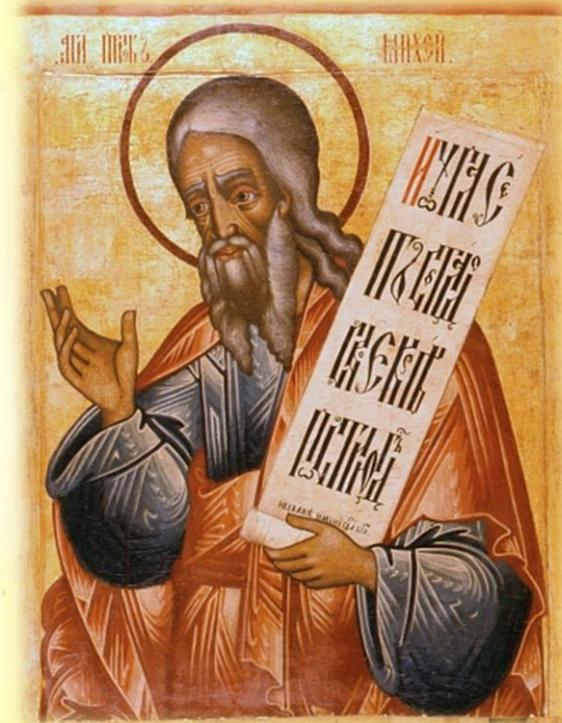


# The Prophet Micah

- **Studying the Context**
  - **Micah 1:1**

Micah's Time

    - 739-693 BC
    - Contemporary of Isaiah
  - **Micah 3:1-3**
    - Who & What did God Condemn?
  - **Micah 5:12-14**
    - What three Evils are Condemned?
  - **Warnings**
    - Fall of Northern and Southern Kingdoms
    - Babylonian Captivity



# Micah 4:1

## <sup>1</sup> **In the last days**

the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

- **“In the last days” = The Messianic Age**
  - ✓ **Hebrews 1:2** – Who worked during these days?
  - ✓ **I Peter 1:20** – When was Christ made known?
- **Mountain of the Lord’s Temple – Metonymy**
  - ✓ Emphasizes True Worship – **John 4:19-26**
  - ✓ Will Attract Many

# **“In the last days . . .”**

## **Hebrews 1:2**

<sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

## **1 Peter 1:20**

<sup>20</sup> He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

# “Mountain of the Lord’s Temple”

## John 4:19-26

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

# Micah 4:2

<sup>2</sup> Many **nations** will come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the  
LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob.  
He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths."  
The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

- **“Nations” = Peoples**

- ✓ Jews and Gentiles

- ✓ What will many Gentiles (Unbelievers) Do

# Micah 4:3-4

- <sup>3</sup> **He** will judge between many peoples  
and will settle disputes for strong nations far  
and wide.  
They will beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.  
Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war anymore. **(Matt. 24:3)**
- <sup>4</sup> Every man will sit under his own vine  
and under his own fig tree, **(John 14:27)**  
and no one will make them afraid, **(John 16:33)**  
for the LORD Almighty has spoken.

# Understanding the Messiah's Peace

## **Matthew 24:3**

<sup>3</sup> As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

## **John 14:27**

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

## **John 16:33**

<sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

# Micah 4:5

<sup>5</sup> All the nations may walk  
in the name of their gods;  
we will **walk in the name of the LORD**  
**our God for ever and ever.**

## Characteristics of the Messianic Age?

- 1. People will worship the true God**
- 2. Gospel will spread through the world**
- 3. Believers will have spiritual peace**
- 4. Believers will think, speak, act as God's people.**

# Micah 4:1-5 / Isaiah 2:2-4

## A Message of Hope to OT Believers

- Deserved Wrath and Judgment
- God in Grace Offers Hope
  - ✓ A Messiah – Christ – Savior
  - ✓ Spiritual Peace – Forgiveness
  - ✓ Heaven

**OT Believers Waited for Fulfillment**

**NT Believers Look Back at Fulfillment**

**How does this Messianic Message affect our lives?**