

## “Humble Beginnings” - Micah 4:6-8; 5:1-9

Ask - “What is meant by the phrase, ‘It’s not how you start, but how you finish’?”

Background - The prophetic books can be somewhat discouraging. They are filled with warnings of impending judgment and destruction. While Micah certainly provides such predictions, his prophecy is also filled with wonderful passages that foresee renewal and restoration.

“A Future Restoration” - Micah 4:6-8

(v6) Who will the LORD assemble? Who do the lame and outcast represent? When will He do this?

(v7) What will he make of the lame and outcast? Who will reign over them, from where, and for how long?

(v8) What promise does God make to Israel and Jerusalem in this verse?

MICAH PROPHECIES THAT SOMEDAY GOD WILL REGATHER HIS SCATTERED PEOPLE, REESTABLISH ISRAEL, AND REIGN OVER THEM FROM JERUSALEM FOREVER.

“A Future Deliverance” - Micah 5:1-6

(v1-2) Why should Israel muster the troops? Who has laid siege upon them? From where will a future ruler come? Who does this speak of?

(v3-4) Who will God “give up” for a brief season? What will happen when that season ends? Who will rise up at that time and how will He be regarded?

(v5-6) How does Micah blend his prophecies of near and distant events in these same verses? Discuss.

MICAH PROPHECIES A PRESENT DELIVERANCE FROM ASSYRIA AFTER A SEASON, BUT ALSO A FUTURE DELIVERER (JESUS) WHO WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE AFTER A TIME OF TRIBULATION.

“A Future Status” - Micah 5:7-9

(v7) How will the restored remnant of Israel be perceived by others during these future days?

(v8) How strong and mighty will the restored remnant of Israel be during these future days?

(v9) What will be the fate of God's enemies during these future days?

MICAH PROPHECIES THAT ISRAEL WILL AGAIN BE A REFRESHING BLESSING TO THE NATIONS. SHE WILL ONCE MORE BE STRONG AND GREAT, WHILE HER ADVERSARIES WILL BE CUT OFF.

Application - Micah's prophecies, like those of many other prophets, have a dual application. They speak to Israel's destruction by the Assyrians and a coming restoration in the not-so-distant future.. But on a more grand scale, they look forward much further to the restoration of Israel in the Last Days that includes the Millennium and the Eternal Kingdom. In times of great darkness, Micah proclaims a message of hope and salvation. How does this lesson encourage you?