

MICAH: Overall Context

Chapter 1:

The LORD God be a witness ... Judgment

- the mountains will melt
- Against Samaria & Judah
- a planting for vineyards
- high places destroyed
 - individual cities/ towns
- ... weeping, shame, exiled

Chapter 2:

Wickedness, greed, oppression

- Thus says the LORD
- Some preach: no disgrace/ or wine

However ... like a flock... the LORD leading

Chapter 3:

Listen ... you who ...

- skin my people/ chop them up like meat
- prophesy peace
 - night to you/ no answer from God
- rule
 - pervert justice
- teach for a price (priests)

... Zion will be plowed

Chapter 4:

And yet ...

- peoples will stream to Zion
 - the word of the LORD will go forth
 - swords to plow/
spears to pruning hooks
- the lame then the remnant
- Ah, but now like a woman in labor
 - to Babylon
 - but then ... rescued
 - but now ... besieged (5:1)

Chapter 5:

Out of Bethlehem ... (5:2)



Micah 5:2-5a

V. 2:

From Bethlehem

- One who will rule
- One of ancient days

V. 3:

He will give them until ...

... she bears ... and they return

Vs.4-5a

He will feed His flock

- in the strength/ name of the LORD
- they will live secure
- One of peace
- as a warrior in his love
- a day of festival

Key words/ thoughts: least (צָעִיר); of old (עוֹלָם); for a time (עַתָּה); to pasture (רָעָה); name (שֵׁם); peace (שָׁלוֹם)

Questions:

How do you understand/read verse 3?

The early church found these verses hopeful: Do you? Why/why not?

If these verses reflect Jesus, His advent and character, which of the traits presented do you find unusual or intriguing? Why?

