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Micah 4:1-2, "¹But in the last days it shall come to pass, [that] the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations 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; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

The above passage from Micah is a prophecy of the Church that would come in New Testament times. There are many things we can learn from these two verses by the prophet Micah.

1. **Last Days**. This event would happen in the last days. We are living in the last days now and have been since New Testament times. "Last days" is simply referring to the last age or era of Biblical times. There was first the Patriarchal age in which the LORD spoke to the heads of families directly. The second was the Mosaic age where the law was given by Moses. After the death of Jesus and the revealing

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of the Church and the plan of salvation, the Christian age began. This is the age we are in now. There is not another one to come.

We can clearly see we are living in the last times by other passages. Peter wrote of these last times in I Peter 1:20, "Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." I John 2:18 says, "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." We are certainly in the last time or era. There is not another to come. How long it will last, only God the Father knows. But these are the last days and they began when the Church was established in Acts.

2. **House of the LORD**. Micah refers to the mountain of the house of the LORD. That mountain would be established in the top of the mountains and be exalted above the hills. A mountain is the highest formation upon the earth. The Church is the "mountain" of God in that it is above all other things. It towers above any organization of man.

This mountain itself would be established upon a mountain. The Church began in Jerusalem which is upon a mountain. This is most likely referring to the Church's beginning in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. This mountain of God would be exalted above the hills. Other things were called "hills." The Church is referred to as a mountain. The Church was to be, and is, exalted above all.

3. **People shall flow**. This mountain that would be established, the Church, would have people flow unto it. It's interesting that water also flows, and we are baptized into the body of Christ, the Church. Baptism also washes away our sins. Flowing usually goes down hill, but the people would flow to this mountain. The flowing of those goes even against the normal functions of nature, in that they are flowing "uphill" against the world and it's sinful ways, to the Church.

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—Continue to remember Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Clay Bozarth, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry. Rick Gibbs fell on his porch and

broke a rib.

—We extend our sympathies to the family of **Jeff Brewster** who passed away this past Wednesday. Funeral services were yesterday in Munfordville. He and his wife, **Linda Sloan**, have both been attending here for some time.

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- 4. **Many nations**. The Church would have people flow unto it from all over the world. The Church would have the Jews as well as all the other nations of the world. Its reach would be world-wide before the Bible had even been finished. Romans 10:18, "But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."
- 5. **Come**. The invitation is extended to all to come to this mountain, the Church. Right now the invitation is freely extended. The Bible closes like sermons of today, with an invitation to come to the LORD. Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."
- 6. **Teach & Walk**. Those in the Church will be taught from the Bible. They then will walk in those teachings and follow them. Each time we study we learn more about the word of God and how to better walk in His ways.
- 7. **Law will go forth**. We then take the law to others in the world. This might be as close as our own family or as far as another continued on next page...

Sunday, June 11, 2023		
Classes	16	Mark 10:17-31
Preaching	20	Matthew 10:28-48
Contribution	\$939.00	
Evening	14	Micah 6:1-7:20
Wednesday, June 14, 2023		
Classes	17	I Timothy 4:1-16

Visitors— Jun 14 (Wed) Bennett Green (Cave City, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD will cast sins into what depths?

Last Week's Answer—The thousands of Judah (Micah 5:2)

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continent. Sometimes we will teach more deeply from the scriptures. Sometimes our teaching is simply by example.

Micah of old prophesied of the Church and we in the Church today. What a wonderful blessing to be in the Church, the body of Christ, and to be able to know we will be with the LORD forever.

—Marty Edwards❖

-God's Plan of Salvation-

- 1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
- 2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
- 3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
- 5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
- 6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)