

VISION OF PEACE

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Scripture Authority—Book of Micah, especially 4:1-4.

Micah the Prophet—Full name Micah, son of Jephthah, of the tribe of Judah, was a contemporary of Hosea and Amos in Israel, and Isaiah in Judah. There is a tradition that for rebuking Jehoram for his impieties Micah was thrown from a precipice and buried at Morathi. Omitting the description, the prophecy falls into three natural divisions, each beginning with the words: "Hear ye," and each dealing with rebukes and threatenings and ending with a promise. The first section—chapters 1 and 2—opens with a magnificent description of Jehovah come to judgment for sins and idolatry of Israel and Judah. The second section—chapters 3 to 5—addresses especially the princes and heads of the people. The prophecies of this section form the basis of the book, Ewald arranging them in the following order: 4:1-4; 3:1-3; 5:1-5. The last section—chapters 6 and 7—is a bold prediction representing Jehovah as holding a controversy with his people. The dialogue form of chapter 6 renders the picture very dramatic and striking, and the whole concludes with a triumphant song of joy at the great deliverance Jehovah will achieve. The last verse was quoted by Zachariah in his song, Luke 1:27-35.

UNIVERSAL PEACE SHALL PREVAIL some day. This is God's word.

Micah the prophet believed it in his day nearly 3,000 years ago when God gave him the marvelous vision of a world-wide peace, and how much more ought we to believe it in this day, when there is a rising tide of sentiment in every corner of the globe in favor of universal peace, when great national and international congresses are being held for the sole object of working it out in a practical way by means of arbitration agreements, and the curtailment and eventual abandonment of national armaments.

In spite of the waste of billions of dollars' worth of treasure, in spite of the feverish anxiety of nations to arm against nations, the time is surely coming when navies and battle ships—if they are perfected before that time—and all the paraphernalia of war, will be put upon the scrap heap.

Then the nations shall not learn war any more. Human skill and learning which are now being turned to the perfection of war equipment will then be diverted into channels through which shall flow rivers of blessing to all the nations.

Just think of the vast energies which are now being expended in the maintenance and perfection of military equipment, and just think what it would mean for world betterment if all this vast energy was turned to the perfecting of the arts of peace.

It is coming, because God hath declared it!

But how? Not by the strength of man's argument. Human reasoning can never subdue the spirit of the nations, and make of one brotherhood all the peoples of the earth.

But God can. And more and more as man comes to let God rule over him and the kingdom of heaven is spread throughout the earth by just so much will the day of universal peace be brought nearer. When "God shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off"—that is, when the nations and peoples of the earth learn to hear and obey God's voice—then shall peace roll over the earth like a flood and swords will be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks. God hasten the day.

THE STORY.

THE heavenward look is the only cure for pessimism. Hopeless are human conditions, unless are human struggles, when God is counted out of the reckoning. A few years ago a worker in the slums of New York took her own life because the struggle against the conditions of poverty and crime seemed so utterly hopeless and vain.

She needed the heavenward look to dispel the darkness and give her a vision of hope. So do we all.

Micah had passed through Jerusalem that day, and as he had journeyed he had spoken God's message to the people—warning, pleading, threatening. And now in solitude alone with the evening shadows closing in around him he sat without the city's gate deep in thought. And there was much for him to think about, as there is always for the one who observes keenly and feels deeply.

There was his message God had given him for his people. There were the rights and wrongs he had witnessed that day and all the days before since he was old enough to remember. There were the dangers he knew were threatening the nation from without. And thought of all these things surged through his soul like a flood that night, and drove him to the verge of despondency.

Faithfully and earnestly he had delivered his message. It had come to him from God and he had spoken it with the confident assurance that spoken faithfully it would accomplish what whosoever God had sent it. He recalled the time when the spirit of God first came upon him and how it seemed as though his heart would burst with its message, and he had come out in boldness and proclaimed the word from one end of the land to the other.

"Hear, all ye people," he had cried; "hearken, O earth, and all that there is in it: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth."

As he had spoken his message of pleading and warning, and threatening, it had seemed to him as though he could even feel the tread of the Almighty's footsteps as he passed through the land.

"He shall tread upon the high places."

How could the king in his place keep from trembling? Didn't he know that his throne would totter under the tread of that mighty footfall?

But the king had gone on his way of pleasure and sin as before. The people had continued to follow the strange gods of the people about, and were content to live in the conditions into which sin had cast them. So great, in fact, was their need that they knew no need.

And Micah had jarred. It was the first severe testing of the prophet's faith, and in the seclusion of the mountain fastnesses whether he betook himself he had learned his lesson and had come to know that it was for him to speak the word of God to him and not for him to become the time-keeper upon the movements of the monarchy.

"But God shall tread upon the high places. The mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the water that is poured down a steep place, he had exclaimed over and over again to himself, as though he would drive his fainting heart and strength in a weakening faith.

And so he had gone on in his lonely mission. How lonely he felt only the servant of the Lord who is faithful in his ministrations understand, for he who walketh with God wholly lives a separated life.

And that evening as he sat there outside of Jerusalem's gate the memory of all this came back to him with peculiar vividness and force, so much so, in fact, that he felt utterly desolate and wretched.

"What is there is show for all this preaching of the word? It is as though one had cried to the wind. The people's heart are as hard as that stone yonder, and with a vehemence that startle the prophet himself, he gave it such that sent it rolling down the rocky hillside into the brook Kedron below. As it touched the bottom there came echoing back to him reverberating sounds of its imp with the rocky ground.

"Hard! Yea, indeed. But the hearts of this rebellious people shall be broken even as that stone hath crashed to its destruction. And the nations about will be instruments in God's hands doing this thing. Ah, how they wait on the spoils of battle. Nation lift up sword against nation, and the oracles upon the decaying heaps of the enemy's dead."

And in vision he passed before him the bloody horrors of battle as even he in his shorts had witnessed it. He remembered the coming of the hordes of the Syrians. He witnessed their devastating work. In the anguish of his heart he cried out at last:

"Oh, God, shall I say to thee? Will there be no end to wars that give one nation power over another? Will the spirit of conquest continue ever to blight the land?"

The voice floated upon the silence of the ever darkness, and it seemed to the prophet as though his spirit followed the ascending echoes of the songs they sped up and ever upward, seemed to him he must seek the presence of God for answer, for the alone could answer. Suddenly darkness seemed to flee away, and he sought the reason for the change he saw away off in the distance splendid city.

"This can be nothing but the city of God," he whispered to himself.

Then as he looked he beheld what seemed all the sons of the earth marching towards the city, while they raised their voices in one mighty chorus, saying:

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God Jacob; and he will teach us of ways."

And from out of the splendid city there came the answer:

"Nations shall lift up a sword against nation, they shall they learn war any more."

The vision faded, the voices ceased; Micah was agitated with his thoughts. "But hath been here," he exclaimed, "and the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken."

Mark Twaught out.

A poet, a pair of trousers across his knees, sat in his study trying to thread a needle.

"The proper way," he said, "is to hold the thread and push the needle toward or to hold the needle still and push the thread toward it. Malvina says both are right; that means both are wrong."

Taking down Prince and the Pauper, the poet:

"He did as Malvina always done, and probably will do to the end of time—held the needle still and tried to thrust thread through the eye, which is the opposite of a woman's way."

Then the poeting down "Huckleberry Finn," read:

"Bless you, when you set out to thread a needle, don't hold the thread still and push the needle up to it; hold the needle still and push the thread at it's the way a woman most always does, but a man always does t'other way."

Got the pig girl.

After being married a year, a young man named Halving at Volosca, Dalmatia, discovered the other day that he had not led the girl he intended. When exposed to her he mistook her for twin sister, who so resembles that they can scarcely be distinguished apart. He did not realize his error until he began calling her "Christina" name instead of by terms of endearment he had hit used.

AND SHE LEFT HIM GUESSING.

Woman's Directions of Little Help to Traveling Lawyer.

A New York lawyer was called recently to a hamlet in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in the interest of a large coal corporation, and now he is telling this story on himself:

He was driving along a country road and feared he might have lost his bearings. The village he wanted to reach seemed elusive, so he halted in front of a farmhouse to make inquiries.

"Madam," he called out to a broad German woman, who stood looking at him from beneath a "poke" bonnet, "can you tell me how far it is to the next village?"

"Oh, just a leedle ways," came the response.

"But, my good woman, how far is it? Is it two, four, six or eight miles? That's what I want to know."

"Yah, I think so."

And the Wall street lawyer drove on a wiser man.

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GRASSVILLE SUMMER TOURISTS.

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Very Tempting.

A man was brought before a justice of the peace charged with the offense of kissing a young woman "by force and violence, and against her will."

The young lady, who was very handsome, gave her testimony in a modest and straightforward manner, after which his honor gave the following decision: "The court in this case sympathizes with the defendant, and will therefore discharge him without fine, imprisonment or reprimand, because the court while this case has been in progress has been obliged to hold on to both arms of his chair to keep from kissing the complainant himself."

Critical Eye for Babies.

The five-year-old daughter of a Brooklyn man has had such a large experience of dolls that she feels herself to be something of a connoisseur in children.

Recently there came a real live baby into the house.

When it was put into her arms the five-year-old surveyed it with a critical eye.

"Isn't it a nice baby?" asked the nurse.

"Yes, it's nice," answered the younger hesitatingly. "It's nice, but its head's loose."—Lippincott's.

Boy Grades the Clergy.

Bishop Potter, at an ecclesiastical dinner in New York, read a Cooperstown schoolboy's essay on "Clergymen."

The essay, which created much amusement, was as follows:

"There are 2 kinds of clergymen: Bishops rectors and curats. The bishop tells the rectors to work and the curats have to do it. A curat is a thick married man but when he is a rector he gets fuller and can preach longer sermons and becums a good man."—Washington Star.

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"But my dear sir," responded the bland almanac peddler, "it snowed up at the north pole yesterday."

The old farmer's jaw fell.

"It did!" he drawled slowly. "Wal, I reckon the almanac is all right then. It did tell the truth, didn't it?"

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"A Paragon?" echoed his wife.

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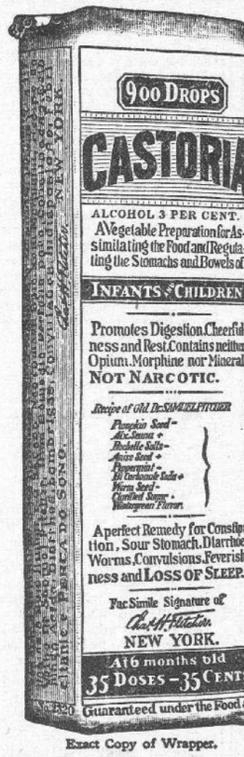
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