

which even Henderson and Brown admit) the interpretation of this passage in Micah in the light thereof makes for conviction, as all becomes clear and harmonious.

The language of Micah 4:1 ("the mountain of Jehovah's house" and "on the top of the mountains") is not in conflict with the principle of literalism since literal things can be represented under the conventional figures of speech, which is quite a different thing from spiritualizing. Verses 1 and 2, then, simply teach the existence of true religion; if you will, under the kingdom form or auspices. It is all associated with Israel and the nations exhorting each other to go and share it. to Israel and not to the Church, appears not only from the express and frequent use of terms applicable to Israel only ("daughter of Zion" and "daughters of Jerusalem"). We read furthermore that "to them shall come the former rule" which can be none other than the theocratic rule, and which, because of its far reaching powers and virtue can be nothing else than the rule of the Messiah in his earthly kingdom.

Delitzsch has a fine note on Isa.2:1-4 (the Isaianic version of the same matter in Micah): "In war, the world-historical power of the Beast culminates. This Beast is now subdued. The true humanity, suppressed hitherto by sin, reigns. The history of the world celebrates Sabbath. Must we not hope, on the ground of such prophetic words, that history will not run its course out, without having celebrated Sabbath? What is seen in Psa.46:9-11, in Hosea 2:20, and in other prophets, is a moral postulate, the goal of the history of salvation, a divine decree foretold in prophecy."

Who is this Ruler mentioned in various passages in Scripture? We read of him again in Micah 4:6,7.

"In that day, saith Jehovah, will I assemble that which is lame, and I will gather that which is driven away, and that which I have afflicted. And I will make that which was lame a remnant, and that which was cast off a strong nation. And Jehovah will reign over them in Mount Zion from henceforth even for ever."