

just copying words from Micah, don't be worried about that. Maybe he expressed it particularly well. I use his words. But what I'm giving you is something I saw myself. See what I mean? In other words I feel that this particular passage here is given a special importance that way. Both Isaiah and Micah say, This is something the Lord has said and the fact the Lord puts it in twice indicates it is something that should get attention.

Then you look at the previous chapter in Micah. Isaiah gives the vision with a separate introduction at the beginning, but in Micah it is a part that flows right straight along. In ch. 3 Micah describes the wickedness of the people and how God is going to punish them. Micah 3:10, "Who build Zion with bloodshed, and Jerusalem with wickedness. Her leaders judge for a bribe . . . Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field." Of course we know that happened after Nebuchadnezzar conquered it. palace was

Zion which was where David/was, instead of being a great section of the palace (the city) was just a set of ruins and actually made into a field, and I think it's only been settled in the last 40 years. Before that it was just a plowed field during all the centuries--that particular part. "Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble."

The temple hill, the remote hill, a mound overgrown with thickets (KJV has it slightly different but the idea is the same) so he tells here what the exile is going to bring. It will bring three things to Zion, to Jerusalem, and to the Temple Hill. It says the mountain of the house which is identical.

Then he says (4:1) "The mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will say, Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths. The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

The three places that are specifically said to be made ruins, just before, it is now said they are going to become very important. Those three places he says in the Last Days are to have a very special importance. Then he continues, "The law will go out from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." You read that and you say right away there are two ways to interpret that: 1) the message of the Gospel goes out from Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. That certainly did happen. 2) Another way would be to say, Somebody is going to be in Zion and send out the word from there, commands from there.

Which of the two is it? Next verse says, "He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide." That could mean the Gospel goes out and has this effect on many peoples and on strong nations. Or it could mean that a strong command goes out from there to which everybody will listen. Then you go on, "They will beat their swords into plowshares and their