

wonderful promise by ending verse 4 with the words: "for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it."

God considered this prediction so important that He caused another of His prophets to see the same vision, and to give the same picture in almost the same words. Isaiah 2:1-4 is so close in its wording to Micah 4:1-4 that some have suggested that one of the two prophets copied from the other. To those who believe that the Bible is God's Word, the correct answer seems to be that God gave the same vision to both prophets. This may well be indicated by the unusual introduction that Isaiah gave to it. Very rarely, after the beginning of his book, does he introduce a section with such a separate heading as this. Isaiah 2 begins with the words:

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It may well be that in giving this special introduction to the section Isaiah was saying in effect: "You have read this in Micah. You know that he had this vision. God has given me the same vision and I shall describe it in the same way."

We shall now look at another passage in the Book of Isaiah that clearly indicates that God has given His dependable promise that a great Golden Age is ahead for the world. This passage is Isaiah 11:1-9:

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
2. And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;
3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of *the* LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:
4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.