

Minor Prophets

Feb 18, 2024 - Intro and Micah

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

✓ *Feb 4, 2024 - 2 John*

✓ *Manor Lake – Feb 6*

✓ *Feb 11, 2024 – 3 John*

• *Feb 18, 2024 – Minor Prophets- Session 1*

• *Manor Lake – Feb 20*

• *Feb 25, 2024 – Minor Prophets- Session 2*

• *Mar 3, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Session 3*

Easter is 3/31/24, and Palm Sunday is 3/24/24

Minor Prophets

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Hosea	N		2024
Joel	Y	2020	
Amos	Y	2020	
Obadiah	Y	2020	
Jonah	Y	2011	
Micah	N		2024
Nahum	N		2024
Habakkuk	Y	2022	
Zephaniah	N		2024
Haggai	N		2024
Zechariah	Y	2012	
Malachi	Y	2008	

Minor Prophets – What they are about

<p>☛ Hosea: God of the Unfaithful – Unfaithfulness Prophecies relating to Christ and the latter days</p>				
<p>☛ Joel: God of the Locusts – The Day of the Lord</p> <p>Prediction of woes upon Judah, and of the favor with which God will receive the penitent people.</p>				
<p>☛ Amos: God of the Oppressed – Judgment</p> <p>Prediction that Israel and other neighboring nations will be punished by conquerors from the north, and of the fulfillment of the Messiah's kingdom.</p>				
<p>☛ Obadiah: God of the Mountain – Righteous Judgement Prediction of the desolation of Edom.</p>				
<p>☛ Jonah: God of Compassion – God’s Grace to All People Prophecies relating to Nineveh.</p>				
<p>☛ Micah: God of Justice – Divine Judgment</p> <p>Predictions relating to the invasions and the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem.</p>				
<p>☛ Nahum: God of Wrath – Consolation Prediction of the downfall of Assyria.</p>				
<p>☛ Habakkuk: God of Sovereignty – Trusting a Sovereign God A prediction of the doom of the Chaldeans</p>				
<p>☛ Zephaniah: God of Judgment – The “Great Day of the Lord”</p> <p>A prediction of the overthrow of Judah for its idolatry and wickedness.</p>				
<p>☛ Haggai: God of Renewal – Rebuilding the Temple Prophecies concerning the rebuilding of the temple.</p>				
<p>☛ Zechariah: God of Restoration – God’s Deliverance</p> <p>Prophecies relating to the rebuilding of the temple and the Messiah.</p>				
<p>☛ Malachi: God of Worship – Formalism Rebuked</p> <p>Prophecies relating to the calling of the Gentiles and the coming of Christ.</p>				

Status

Have not Done- Green
 Have Done - White

Plan
Micah
Nahum

Background for Micah

- *Micah is a prophet of God in Judah in the southwest about 25 miles from Jerusalem.*
- *He is a farmer and not a city dweller...much like Amos*
- *Micah: Short form of Micaiah which means “**Who is like Jehovah**”. This name is similar to Michael, which means “Who is like God (“el”).*
- *He is a contemporary of Isaiah, Hosea, and Amos.*
- *His message is one of judgment on both Israel (Northern Kingdom) and Judah (Southern Kingdom)*
- *Book written in about 750-770 BC*
- *Along with judgment and dispersion, Micah proclaims that in compassion and covenant faithfulness God will save a **remnant of the people** and bring them back to their own land.*

Micah in context



Map from the time of Micah

- Note the cities in the narrative
- Gaza, Rapha from today's headlines

The Outline of Micah is:

- *A Warning that Judgment is Coming (1:1-2:13)*
- *A Promise that a Deliverer/Ruler is Coming (3:1-5:15)*
- *A Challenge to Trust the Lord (6:1-7:20)*

Micah Ch 1:1 A Vision from God

*1 The **word** of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah—the **vision** he saw concerning **Samaria and Jerusalem**.*

Micah was a man of discernment, and God gave him 3 oracles to deliver to the people of Israel and Judah

This first oracle is a warning of Judgment, given in hopes they would turn from their wicked ways

Micah Ch 1:2 *The Court is called to order*

*² Hear, you peoples, all of you,
listen, earth and all who live in it,
that the **Sovereign** Lord may bear witness against
you,
the **Lord from his holy temple.***

*The King is coming, not only as the Sovereign Judge
but also as a witness against them.*

Micah Ch 1:3-4 *Coming in Glory and Power*

³ *Look!* The Lord is coming from his dwelling place;
he comes down and treads on the heights of the
earth.

⁴ The mountains melt beneath him
and the valleys split apart,
like wax before the fire,
like water rushing down a slope.

Micah Ch 1:5 Case Against Jacob by God

***⁵ All this is because of Jacob's transgression,
because of the **sins of the people of Israel.*****

What is Jacob's transgression?

Is it not Samaria?

What is Judah's high place?

Is it not Jerusalem?

Micah Ch 1:6-7 Judgment is rendered

*⁶ “Therefore I will make Samaria a **heap of rubble**, a place for planting vineyards. (722BC, Sargon II)*

*I will pour her stones into the valley
and lay bare her foundations.*

*⁷ All her idols will be broken to pieces;
all her temple gifts will be burned with fire;
I will destroy all her images.*

*Since she gathered her gifts from the wages of
prostitutes,*

as the wages of prostitutes, they will again be used.”

Micah Ch 1:8 Weeping and Wailing

***⁸ Because of this I will weep and wail;
I will go about barefoot and naked.
I will howl like a jackal
and moan like an owl.***

Micah Ch 1:9 What about forgiveness?

***⁹ For Samaria's plague is incurable;
it has spread to Judah.***

*It has reached the very gate of my people,
even to Jerusalem itself.*

There comes a time when God will cease to strive with man and will purge the world of these idolaters and sinners. In this case, He did not have to remove the faithful beforehand.

Micah Ch 1:10-12 A Poem or Rythmic writing

*¹⁰ Tell it not in Gath;
weep not at all.*

*In Beth Ophrah
roll in the dust.*

*¹¹ Pass by **naked and in shame,**
you who live in Shaphir.*

*Those who live in Zaanah
will not come out.*

*Beth Ezel is in mourning;
it no longer protects you.*

*¹² Those who live in Maroth **writhe in pain,**
waiting for relief,
because disaster has come from the Lord,
even to the gate of Jerusalem.*

Micah Ch 1:13-15 Scattering of the judged

*13 You who live in Lachish,
harness fast horses to the chariot.
You are where the sin of Daughter Zion began,
for the transgressions of Israel were found in you.*

*14 Therefore you will give parting gifts
to Moresheth Gath.
The town of Akzib will prove deceptive
to the kings of Israel.*

*15 I will bring a conqueror against you
who live in Mareshah.
The nobles of Israel
will flee to **Adullam**.*



Micah Ch 1:16 Acting out your Mourning

***¹⁶ Shave your head in mourning
for the children in whom you delight;
make yourself as bald as the vulture,
for they will go from you into exile.***

Once Judgment has been pronounced, it is too late for displays of mourning. It is time for God's plan to unfold.

Next Week

- *I will send a note as to the next study*
- *Pray for each other... a lot is going on*
- *Pray for Israel and the Peace of Jerusalem*
- *Pray for our country and its leaders*
- *Pray for our State and County and their leaders*
- *Pray for our Church, its Pastors, Teachers, and Members that we will be faithful to His Call and Direction*
- *Pray that we will be faithful when we are called to Stand for the Lord and His Word*