

# Minor Prophets

Feb 25, 2024 - Book of Micah Ch 2

*Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1*

# Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Feb 4, 2024 – 2nd John*
  - ✓ *Manor Lake – Feb 6*
- ✓ *Feb 11, 2024 – 3rd John*
- ✓ *Feb 18, 2024 – Minor Prophets- Micah Ch 1*
  - ✓ *Manor Lake – Feb 20*
- ✓ *Feb 25, 2024 – Minor Prophets- Micah Ch 2*
- *Mar 3, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Micah Ch 3*

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

# ICYMI Update

## Middle East

- It appears like the US is strongly pressuring Israel to stop its incursion into Rafah where the 100+ hostages and remaining Hamas Terrorists are hiding.
- Israel is moving ahead to finish the job in Gaza
- Renewed efforts by Qatar and others for a cease-fire. Some movement this week
- Egypt – tunnels, walls, and troops
- Iran keeps it up – Hezbollah, Houthis, and Proxy militias in Iraq
- Israel getting support from many including Azerbaijan

## US Border

- Foreign Nationals coming across border... China, Iran, Middle East
- Election processes underway ...many points of disagreement incl. Abortion, Second Amendment, Border and Terror challenges, Israel support and antisemitism in colleges, government, and activists. Chaos coming and Pandemic X
- Fitness for Office Rhetoric with Biden and Trump

# Micah

- Last week we discussed the setting of the book, its author and timing, and the contemporaries of Micah.
- We looked at the 3 oracles of God that are laid out in this prophecy:
  1. A **Warning** that **Judgment is Coming** (1:1-2:13)
  2. A **Promise** that a **Deliverer/Ruler is Coming** (3:1-5:15)
  3. A **Challenge** to **Trust the Lord** (6:1-7:20)

*Today we pick up at Micah Ch 2 and finish the warning about a Judgment to come*

# Questions we need to think about first...

*Many Christians and Jews alike today have the thought that God would never permit this kind of judgment and suffering for his people... Either his Covenant people (Jews) or his Delivered people (the church).*

***Amos 3:2*** *Speaks to the Jews*

*<sup>2</sup> "You only have I chosen  
of all the families of the earth;  
therefore, I will **punish you**  
for all your sins."*

***Gal 6:7*** *to believers*

*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap*

# What do we make of this?

- *God disciplines HIS children to get them to follow Him and Obey His Word.*
- ***Privilege leads to Responsibility which leads to Accountability***
- ***This is a recurrent theme throughout the OT of the Jews FAITHLESSNESS to the Lord***

***In Micah 2:1-11 the prophet accuses them of 2 particular sins:***

- ***Covetousness vv1-5***
- ***Listening to False Prophets vv6-11***

***Sins as old as those of Adam and Eve***

# Micah Ch 2:1-2 Human plans & God's Plans

***2:1 Woe to those who plan iniquity,  
to those who plot evil on their beds!  
At morning's light, they carry it out  
because it is in their power to do it.***

***2 They covet fields and seize them,  
and houses, and take them.  
They defraud people of their homes,  
they rob them of their inheritance.***



# Micah Ch 2:3-5 *God's Discipline*

***<sup>3</sup> Therefore, the Lord says:***

***“I am planning disaster against this people,  
from which you cannot save yourselves.***

***You will no longer walk proudly,  
for it will be a time of calamity.***

***<sup>4</sup> In that day people will ridicule you;  
they will taunt you with this mournful song:***

***‘We are utterly ruined;  
my people’s possession is divided up.***

***He takes it from me!***

***He assigns our fields to traitors.’”***

***<sup>5</sup> Therefore you will have no one in the assembly of the Lord  
to divide the land by lot.***



Micah Ch 2:6-7A. Their Prophets speak to Micah

<sup>6</sup> *“Do not prophesy,” their prophets say.*

*“Do not prophesy about these things;  
disgrace will not overtake us.”*

<sup>7</sup> *You descendants of Jacob, should it be said,*

*“Does the Lord (or Lord’s Spirit)  
become impatient?*

*Does he do such things?”*

# Micah Ch 2:7B-9 The Lord replies to the false prophets

*“Do not my words do good  
to the one whose **ways are upright?***

*<sup>8</sup> Lately **my people** have risen up  
like an enemy.*

*You strip off the rich robe  
from those who pass by **without a care,**  
like men returning from battle.*

*<sup>9</sup> You drive the women of my people  
from their pleasant homes.*

*You take away my blessing  
from their children forever.*

# Micah Ch 2:10-11 Judgment rendered

***10 Get up, go away!***

*For this is not your resting place,  
because it is defiled,  
it is ruined, beyond all remedy.*

*11 If a liar and deceiver comes and says,*

***'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,'  
that would be just the prophet for this people!***

# Micah Ch 2: 12-14 Deliverance and Hope

<sup>12</sup> *"I will surely gather all of you, **Jacob**;  
I will surely bring together the **remnant** of Israel.  
I will bring them **together like sheep in a pen,**  
**like a flock in its pasture;**  
the place will throng with people.*

<sup>13</sup> *The **One** who breaks open the way will go up before  
them;  
they will **break through the gate and go out.**  
**Their King will pass through before them,**  
**the Lord at their head."***



# The Glorious Promise for the Future

*God will punish, but He will also provide a Deliverer / Redeemer*

*God will regather the remnant in the Land*

*He will protect and feed them in their pastures restoring the desolate*

*There will be many of them, and they will be led by the Lord.*

*The Lord will open the gates that restrict them and open them up to following Him wherever He leads them*

*Status today in 2024*

# Do these promises apply to us?

- *Yes, while Israel is back in the land, and the promises to them are coming true before our eyes every day in the news*
- *We are the Bride of Christ (Redeemed Church) and according to Prophecy:*
  - *We will be removed before the time of Jacobs Trouble*
  - *Taken to be with the Lord in the Rapture of the Church*
  - *Live forever with Jesus in both the New Earth and New Heaven*
  - ***But*** *while we are here, we must deal with our own covetousness, selfishness, and willingness to accept Religious Lies and Deception.*
  - *Maintain a Biblical worldview, be Salt and Light to the world, and Walk in the way of the Lord, because **Jesus is coming back.***

***Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus***

# Next Week

- *Read Micah Ch 3*
- *Pray for each other... a lot is going on*
- *Praise God for His answered prayers*
- *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*