

Minor Prophets

Mar 17, 2024 - Book of Micah Ch 5

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *Mar 10, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Micah Ch 4*
- ✓ *Mar 17, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Micah Ch 5*
 - *Manor Lake - Mar 19th*
- ***Palm Sunday*** – *Mar 24, 2024*
 - *Daily emails for Passion Week*
- ***Easter Sunday*** – *Mar 31, 2024*
- *April 7, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Micah Ch 6*
- *April 14, 2024 – Minor Prophets – Micah Ch 7 and wrap*



ICYMI Update

- *Middle East*

- *In the beginning of Ramadan - 3/11/24 -4/9/24*
- *So far, terrorism is lighter than feared, but multiple stabbings by Palestinians in Israel*
- *Rafah and Hostages – Stalled negotiations*
- *Israel prepared to enter Rafah very soon, but Israel rejected/ resisted US pressure*
- *Watch the Temple Mount in Ramadan/Passover*

- *US*


- *Anti-Israel, Anti Semitic actions across the US continue, and on TV award shows*
- *Ramadan/terrorism concerns in the US as well. When they will strike, not if...*
- *Other states sending Natl. Guard to Texas*

- *The economy straining at recession limits, and inflation rising again*

- *Voting set the stage for a 2020 Rematch between Trump and Biden*

- *Time is short, prophecy is advancing, and critical to focus on saving as many as possible. Watchmen on the wall are all reporting...*

Micah Ch 5 Where we are in the Book

- *Micah is a short prophetic book written before the Assyrian conquest of Israel and the Babylonian conquest of Judah...in the 722-730 BC timeframe*
- *Written by Micah which means “Who is like Yahweh”*
- *Written in a poetic style with lots of parallelisms*
- *We looked at the 3 oracles/messages 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)

Micah Ch 5:1-2 *A Promised Ruler From Bethlehem*

5 * *Marshal your troops now, city of troops,
for a siege is laid against us.*

*They will strike Israel's ruler
on the cheek with a rod.*

2 *“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
though you are small among the clans (tribes/rulers) of
Judah, **out of you will come for me**
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.” (days of immeasurable time/ eternity)*

**In Hebrew texts 5:1 is numbered 4:14, and 5:2-15 is numbered 5:1-14.*

Micah Ch 5:2

Behind the verse

This verse is the one that was used by the Priests in Herod's court to identify where the Messiah would be born when the Magi came to seek Him.

But it is more than that. Even in its (Bethlehem's) smallness in the land, God had singled them out for the coming Messiah or Anointed one.

*"Out of you" confirms he would be a **human** born in **Bethlehem** and be ruler over Israel, and*

*His origins were from Old, from Everlasting, which tells us **He will also be God.***

In J Vernon McGee's commentary, it says...

In His humanity Christ came from Bethlehem; In His deity, Christ came from eternity.

Micah Ch 5:3 A view down the long lens of prophecy

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

From the birth of Christ until the return of the Jews to the Land and the establishment of the modern State of Israel

Micah Ch 5:4 What is the Work of the King to come?

*4 He will stand and shepherd his flock
in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the **name of the Lord his God***

*And they will live securely, for **then** his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.*

***This is not today, but a future time when the Lord will
rule and reign as King***

Micah Ch 5:5-6. In the future, their King will fight and win

⁵ And he will be our peace (Shalom)

*when the Assyrians invade our land
and march through our fortresses.*

*We will raise against them seven shepherds,
even eight commanders,*

*⁶ who will rule/crush the land of Assyria with the sword,
the land of Nimrod with drawn sword (or Gates)*

*He will deliver us from the Assyrians
when they invade our land
and march across our borders.*

Micah Ch 5:7 Poetic view of the Jews scattered

*⁷ The remnant of Jacob will be
in the midst of many peoples
like dew from the Lord,
like showers on the grass,
which do not wait for anyone
or depend on man.*

*Scattered everywhere but being nourished like
dew and showers, in God's time without man*

Micah Ch 5:8-9 The Lion among sheep

- ⁸ The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations,
in the midst of many peoples (nations),
like a lion among the beasts of the forest,
like a young lion among flocks of sheep,
which mauls and mangles as it goes, (captures and tears)
and no one can rescue.*
- ⁹ Your hand will be lifted up in triumph over your enemies,
and all your foes will be destroyed.*

***Israel will be like a lion among nations and will be
unstoppable. The enemies of Israel will be destroyed***

Micah Ch 5:10-11 *In that day...*

- 10 “In that day,” declares the Lord,
“I will destroy your horses from among you
and demolish your chariots.
11 I will destroy the cities of your land
and tear down all your strongholds.*

*In that day, the Lord will eliminate all of Israel’s
military dependency and equipment, and tear down
all the cities for military support...depend on the Lord*

Micah Ch 5:12-14 *I will purify Israel*

***12 I will destroy your witchcraft
and you will no longer cast spells.***

***13 I will destroy your idols
and your sacred stones from among you;
you will no longer bow down
to the work of your hands.***

***14 I will uproot from among you your Asherah poles
when I demolish your cities.***

In that day, the Lord will purify his remnant Israel

Micah 5:15 At the end of the Millennium...

***15 I will take vengeance in anger and wrath
on the nations that have not obeyed
me.”***

Micah 5: the 2nd Oracle of Micah summary

This finishes the 2nd Oracle of Micah to the people. While it is in poetic form, there are several clear points for us to take away from it. We see...

- 1. The Ruler of the Kingdom to come (5:2)*
- 2. The Work of the Ruler to Come (5:3-15)*
 - a. Reunite and restore the nation (5:3)*
 - b. He will care for His people and provide them security (5:4)*
 - c. He will destroy Israel's Enemies (5:5-9)*
 - d. He will purge Israel of her reliance on Military power (5:10-11)*
 - e. He will destroy false worship from within Israel (5:12-14)*
 - f. He will judge the Nations that oppose Him (5:15)*

Micah 6 The 3rd and final Oracle from Micah

6 Listen to what the Lord says:

*“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.*

*2 “Hear, you mountains, **the Lord’s accusation**;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.*

***For the Lord has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.***

*3 “My people, what have I done to you?
How have I burdened you? **Answer me.***

An accusation, a plea, and the Lord’s case

Next Week

- *Finish reading Micah Ch 6-7, and come back again...*
- *Next week we have a lesson on Palm Sunday Events and meaning*
- *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*