

Minor Prophets

MAR 3, 2024 - Book of Micah Ch 3

Logos Class. Mod 5 Room 1

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *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*
 - *Manor Lake. - Mar 5th*
- *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*

ICYMI Update

- *Middle East*

- *Watch Ramadan flare up between Hezbollah and Israel. Ramadan is 3/11/24 thru 4/9/24*
- *Iran has given the “green light” to Hezbollah*
- *Rafah and Hostages – little movement*
- *Egypt and Israel – cooperation on Hamas containment in Gaza*

- *US*

- *Southern border increasingly volatile*
- *Ramadan concerns in the US as well*
- *Super Tuesday and candidate Rhetoric raises both tension and awareness*
- *The economy straining at recession limits*
- *A combination of malaise and anger across many sectors*

Tinderbox awaiting a spark

Micah Recap

- *In week 1 (ch 1), 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)
- *In week 2 (Ch 2) we finished the first Oracle of Judgment with an accusation of Sin, a warning of impending judgment, and the promise of a deliverer*
- **Today in week 3 (ch 3) we will take a closer look at judgments coming and the promise of a deliverer and new Ruler.**

Micah 2:13 *I AM the WAY...*

***13 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.”***

A HINT OF WHAT IS TO COME

Micah 3:1-3 A Rebuke of the Prophets and Rulers

3 Then I said,

*“Listen, you leaders of Jacob,
you rulers of Israel.*

Should you not embrace justice,

² you who hate good and love evil;

*who tear the skin from my people
and the flesh from their bones;*

*³ who eat my people’s flesh,
strip off their skin*

and break their bones in pieces;

*who chop them up like meat for the pan,
like flesh for the pot?”*

Micah 3:4-5

***4 Then they will cry out to the Lord,
but he will not answer them.
At that time, he will hide his face from them
because of the evil they have done.***

***5 This is what the Lord says:
“As for the prophets
who lead my people astray,
they proclaim ‘peace’
if they have something to eat,
but prepare to wage war against anyone
who refuses to feed them.***

Micah 3:6-8

⁶ *Therefore night will come over you, without visions,
and darkness, without divination.*

*The sun will set for the prophets,
and the day will go dark for them.*

⁷ *The seers will be ashamed
and the diviners disgraced.*

*They will all cover their faces
because there is no answer from God.”*

⁸ *But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the Lord,
and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression,
to Israel his sin.*

Micah 3:10-11

*¹⁰ who build Zion with bloodshed,
and Jerusalem with wickedness.*

*¹¹ Her leaders judge for a bribe,
her priests teach for a price,
and her prophets tell fortunes for money.*

*Yet they look for the Lord's support and say,
"Is not the Lord among us?
No disaster will come upon us."*

Micah 3:12

*¹² Therefore because of you,
Zion will be plowed like a field,
Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble,
the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.*

Micah 4: 1 The Mountain of the Lord

4 In the last days

*the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the **highest** of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.*

Isa 2:2 NIV

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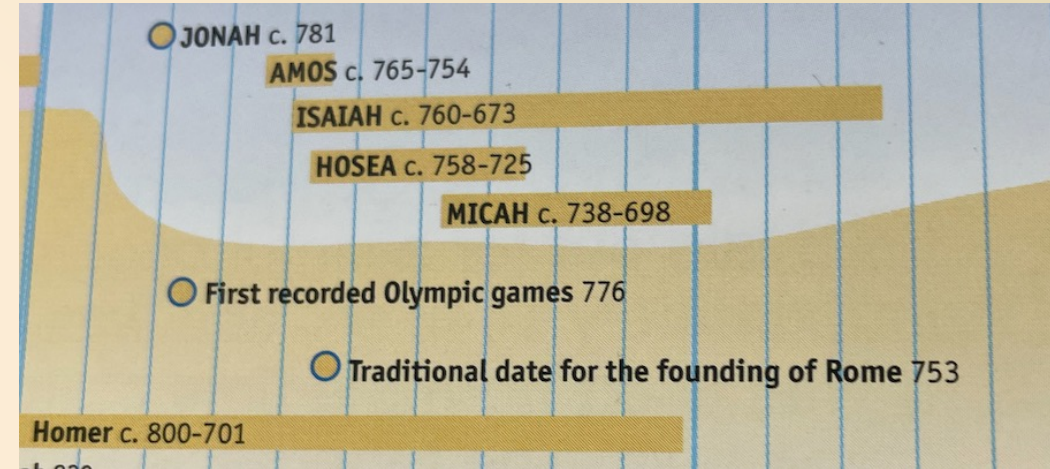
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Micah 4:2-3 A Future of Peace

² Many *nations* will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the **temple** 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.

³ He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far
and wide.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁴ Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.

⁵ All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God forever and ever.

Isaiah 2:3-5

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⁵ Come, **descendants of Jacob,**
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Isaiah and Micah

- *Contemporaries with a similar message to the **House of Jacob***
- *Judgment coming, but Hope and Redemption coming as well*
- ***Note:** If a prophecy is from God, one would expect the views to be the same across prophets with slight differences in wording, as it is here.*
- *Isaiah was born before Micah and lived longer than Micah and his book encompasses more history, but Micah most likely wrote first and Isaiah later...but not clear since they write about the same subject.*
- *Micah is shorter and was written completely much earlier. Isaiah was written over many years and covers events before and after the taking of Israel by the Assyrians.*

Next Week

- *Finish reading Micah Ch 4-5*
- *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*