

The Minor Prophets

Micah – Who is like Yahweh

Please pray and ask the Lord for understanding of His Word before you begin.

Read Micah Chapter 1

Chapter 1 –Judgment is coming

1. In verse 1 we see this message from the Lord is addressed to Samaria and Jerusalem. Now look at verse 2 and explain what you read there. (Psalm 49:1,2 will help.)

2. Read verses 3 and 4. We know that the Assyrians will be used by God to judge Samaria in 722 BC and Judah in 701 BC, but do you see this description fitting another time in that has yet to come? Look at 2 Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 20:11 and Zechariah 14:4.

3. Read verse 5-7. What is the transgression being spoken of here? 1 Kings 13:32; Hosea 7:1 and 8:5,6 will help.

4. What does idolatry look like in the church of today?

a. Why should we take it seriously?

b. What should we do about it, according to God's Word?

5. What do verses 8 and 9 show you about Micah's heart?

a. How do you respond when calamity falls on other people or nations?

b. Do you respond differently if you know the people personally?

6. The Assyrians did invade Judah and captured 46 cities in the southern part but were not able to conquer Jerusalem because God protected it. Read Isaiah 37:33-36.

7. Micah goes on to name 11 cities that did fall to the Assyrians. He used puns, a play on their names. to describe what would happen in some of them. Using the guide and reference verses below explain what the verses are saying.

- a. Verse 10: Gath is similar to the Hebrew word “tell”. 2 Samuel 1:20
- b. Verse 10: Beth Aphrah means ‘house of dust’. Jeremiah 6:26
- b. Verse 11: Shaphir means ‘beautiful’. Isaiah 20:4
- c. Verse 11: Zaanah means “march or going out”.
- d. Verse 12: Maroth, mara means “bitter”. Ruth 1:20
- e. Verse 13: Lachish, “horse town”.
- f. Verse 14: Achzib means “lie”.
- g. Verse 15: Mareshah means “inheritance”.
- h. Verse 15: Adullam means “refuge”. 1 Samuel 22:1

8. Why do you think Micah used puns in his message to the people?

9. What is verse 16 saying? Isaiah 22:12 may help.

10. Was there a verse or passage in chapter 1 that made an impression on you?

After studying this chapter depicting the judgment on a rebellious people I wanted to end with a message of hope for us who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation:

“Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” Titus 2:13, 14