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Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 2000

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The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures

Wheaton, Illinois: Victor Books, 1983-c1985

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN WE WANT YOU TO KNOW . . .

Welcome to our study of Micah, Nahum and Habakkuk—books probably not among your favorites and yet you’ve chosen to study them. We commend you for this!

One of the greatest benefits of studying the Old Testament inductively is coming to know and understand God in a way you can never know Him otherwise. Studying the Prophets, Beloved, is one way you can get this unique understanding.

When we listen to the Prophets, we catch God’s heart, sense His passion, experience His holiness, and come to understand His fidelity to His character and to the words which go forth from His mouth. This is something you’ll never experience fully if you study the New Testament alone. In the Old Testament we uniquely meet God’s holiness . . . and stand in awe!

The prophets Micah, Nahum, and Habakkuk speak of God’s holy indignation and wrath. Nahum speaks of God’s burning anger, an emotion few want to attribute to God. Anger seems incongruous with love—if God is love, how can He be angry? And if He’s angry, how can He express it without contradicting His love?

These valid questions can’t be resolved without studying the *whole* counsel of God. Therefore we commend you for choosing to study the ninth of our ten-course study in the Kings and Prophets Series, *Understanding the Anger of God*. Precept designed its Kings and Prophets Series to give you a full picture of the events in Israel’s history leading up to the Exile.

While we want you to have the full picture of these times, we also want you to be able to study the writings of the Prophets independently from their historical counterparts. This is why there are ten separate courses. None of them demand an overwhelming commitment, which should encourage newcomers to join you without hesitation.

That brings me to a word of exhortation, Beloved. In these last days we need to be about our Father’s business recruiting others to study God’s Word for themselves so they won’t be “carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming” (Ephesians 4:13-14). We, the Church, need to grow up, but this won’t happen apart from diligent study on the part of every true child of God (1 Corinthians 3:1-2; Hebrews 5:14). To ignore the Word of God is to ignore God, which is the height of pride. The Bible is *the Word* of the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

The content of each book of the Bible is critical to our lives; otherwise, God would not have included it in His eternal Word.

Understanding the Anger of God
Before You Begin

You're doing what you ought to be doing and we're proud of you for disciplining yourself for the purpose of godliness, for adding to your faith, knowledge—the knowledge of the one and only true God, His ways, His history, His commandments, His ordinances and precepts for life. It's our prayer that you will see how critically relevant Micah, Nahum, and Habakkuk are to our times and to your life so that you'll confidently understand the righteous anger of God, order your life accordingly, and help others to know truth and respect Him.

How we look forward to your stories about how God uses these courses to teach you more of Who He is, to conform you more into His Son's image, and to prepare you to be the vessel of righteousness He desires to use for the furtherance of His kingdom. And how we would love to see you face-to-face at one of our training workshops, study courses, tours, or conferences!

I am so proud of you, and humbled to help write these studies for you, Beloved of God,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kay Arthur for all the Precept Staff

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST-TIMERS

Welcome to Precept Upon Precept® Inductive Bible studies. We're excited that you'll be studying with us! Inductive Bible study draws you into personal interaction with God through His Word so that your beliefs are based on a prayerful observation and understanding of the Scriptures—truth that will transform your life. Studying this way is summed up in the words of the psalmist: “for You Yourself have taught me” (Psalm 119:102). May the Lord bless you richly as you delve into the treasures of His Word.

The following will be helpful to you as you begin your studies:

OBSERVING THE TEXT

In the lessons that follow, you'll be asked to mark key words or phrases on a particular passage using Observation Worksheets.

- Key words or phrases unlock your understanding of the text. Marking them distinctively with colors or symbols helps you quickly locate the word or phrase, see how it's used and how often.
- It's advantageous to keep markings simple; colors and color combinations are easier and less cluttering.
- You'll find suggestions on the back cover of your Precept book; however, colors and symbols are your choice.
- When you have several words or phrases to mark, it's helpful to read the chapter more than once, marking a couple of words each time.
- It's also helpful to make a bookmark (e.g., an index card) and list all the key words, marking them the way you want to mark them in the text.

FILLING IN THE AT A GLANCE CHART

As you finish observing a chapter, you'll be asked to record its theme (main subject) on an **At a Glance** chart specifically designed for the book you're studying. This chart provides space to list each chapter's theme and places for recording other pertinent information on the book. When completed, this chart provides a synopsis of the book at a glance.

We have three sources that will show you how to do the above and more (all available at www.precept.org or by calling 800-763-8280):

How to Study Your Bible by Kay Arthur, David Arthur, and Pete DeLacy: Chapter 2, “Getting the Big Picture.”

The New Inductive Study Bible (NISB). See “How to Use the Inductive Study Approach” and “A System for Marking Key Words . . . Throughout Your Bible.”

Discover the Bible for Yourself by Kay Arthur, “Observation.”

WORD STUDIES

You'll find out how to do word studies by reading the chapter, "It's All Greek to Me," in *How to Study Your Bible*.

There are many helpful computer programs. We highly recommend Logos Bible Software's wide range of products.

We're so thankful you've joined us. You're about to join hundreds of thousands in an exciting adventure that will help you discover truth for yourself in a way you've never done before. Your life will be transformed and strengthened through the Word of God.

However, we want you to remember that it takes time and practice to make these study skills "second nature." And it does not come without spiritual warfare. The only offensive weapon the child of God has is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. You need to sharpen this sword and not let anyone or anything discourage you. Precept is not difficult; it simply takes time and discipline, but that's what discipleship is about!

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, call your Precept Leader for help. We are sure he/she will help you or connect you with another student who can. We also want to urge you to take our training workshops. They will teach you basic inductive study skills and give you an opportunity to practice them. There are also workshops to help prepare you to lead Precept should God so direct. You can find out more about the training workshops by going online to www.precept.org.

Blessings, Beloved. Welcome to the Precept family.

Remember, you too can say with the psalmist, "I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me."

LESSON ONE

Micah Overview

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES The following located in the Appendix:
Observation Worksheets of Micah
“Micah at a Glance”
“Cities of Micah and Habakkuk”

In the midst of darkness there is always light, because God is always God.

In the midst of despair there is always hope, because God is the God of hope.

In the midst of corruption there is always the Word of the Lord, the message of truth, because God is not silent.

Who is like Jehovah?

DAY ONE

Although Micah, whose name means “Who is like Jehovah,” is the longest of the three books we will study in this course, it is still relatively short, just seven chapters. But they are chapters rich in passion, filled with rich and comforting promises, precepts, and prophecies which we pray will capture your heart and nourish your mind so that you will walk circumspectly in these last days . . . giving the Lord the respect and honor due His Holy name.

Because of the nature of Micah, we believe it will be advantageous to start with an overview of the book. Micah is a book that must be studied patiently—you cannot be in a hurry. Its prophecies are very rich, but they are not grasped easily. So walk patiently and prayerfully with us, Beloved, as we uncover God’s precepts for life.

Remember, God wants you to understand this book. Micah is important or God would not have included it in His Holy Book. Now since the words you are about to study are God’s words, may we urge you to begin your study each day asking the Father to open the eyes of your understanding so that you will see wonderful truths from His Word. Psalm 119:173 is a good prayer to begin with: “Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts.”

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Lesson 1, Micah Overview

Read Hosea 1:1-2; Isaiah 1:1; and Micah 1:1 to compare the timing of the prophecies of Isaiah, Hosea, and Micah. Record when each was written.

3. Did you see anything in Micah applicable to our lives today? Write some initial thoughts. We'll see more as we progress.

You're off to a good start, Beloved. Within these next three weeks you'll gain a good understanding of Micah if you patiently move through the text with us precept upon precept.

DAY
TWO

1. Let's focus on what you observed yesterday. From the exhortations to "hear," how many distinct messages does Micah seem to be delivering? This will help you understand this book. We could tell you, but we want you to see how you can find the answer yourself. This is what inductive study is all about—reasoning through the Word of God, discovering truth for yourself through careful, accurate observation, interpretation, and application.
 - a. Look at each place where you marked "hear." List the "hears" below and next to each write **who** is to hear.
 - b. Do any of the "hears" seem to be part of the same message—simply a means of calling the same people to attention?

Are you being patient? Hang in there you're maturing by exercising your senses as Hebrews 5:14 says.

- c. What "hears" seem to start a new message? Put a star or check by these on the list you made in "a."
- d. Does there seem to be a pattern in the messages to hear?
- e. Is there a similarity in the way the messages are laid out?
- f. Do they begin and end in similar ways?

Samaria	Jerusalem

DAY
THREE


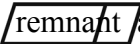
You may not believe it, Beloved, but you accomplished a lot in the last two days as you familiarized yourself with Micah. By now you have observed that there are three messages in Micah and they concern Samaria and Jerusalem. (See, we told you we would confirm the number of messages!) The first message is covered in chapters 1 and 2. This will be the focus for the remainder of our study time this week.

1. Read Micah 1 aloud to prime the pump. Mark every pronoun for *Samaria* with the same color you marked *Samaria*. Add to your list everything you learned from marking Samaria.
2. Now read Micah 1 again. This time mark synonyms and pronouns that refer to *Jerusalem*. Add to your list what you learn from marking these references.
3. Micah 1:13 is the first reference to the daughter of Zion. Look up the following verses and note what you learn about *Zion* from them.
 - a. 2 Samuel 5:7 (This is the first mention of Zion in the Word of God.)
 - b. 2 Kings 19:20-31

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Lesson 1, Micah Overview

DAY
FOUR

1. Today we want to observe Micah’s first message as a whole. As you observe chapters 1 and 2, mark words pertinent to the message—words God used because He doesn’t want you to miss His point. It’s helpful to list these key words on a card (mark them as you do in the text), then use it as a bookmark. We suggest you mark:
 - a. *sin, evil, iniquity*
 - b. *calamity*
 - c. *destruction (destroyed, destroy)*
 - d. *woe* (Whenever you find *woe* in the Word of God, mark it in a distinctive way. There are important warnings in God’s woes.)
 - e. *the Spirit of the Lord*—Mark it as you do the *Holy Spirit*. Some mark it this way: 
 - f. *remnant* (Consider marking it this way  and color it the color you use for Israel.)
 - g. references to time with a green circle. Understanding the “when’s” of events is critical in interpretation.
 - h. geographical locations—Consider double underlining in green. Then see if you can locate these places on the “Cities of Micah and Habakkuk” map in the Appendix. (*New American Standard Bible [NASB]* marginal notes tell you the meaning of some of these names. You may want to note them in the text).
2. Now read your Observation Worksheets on Micah 1 and 2, and using a pencil, divide these chapters into paragraphs according to their themes.
 - a. Write down what’s happening in each paragraph.
 - b. Record the main theme of Micah 1 and 2 on the Observation Worksheets and on the “Micah at a Glance” chart in the Appendix.
3. Who does Micah address his first message to, and what does he want them to know according to verses 3 and 4?

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Lesson 1, Micah Overview

9. We're going to close today by reading Micah 1:13.
 - a. Who was the beginning of sin to Jerusalem (the daughter of Zion)?

Parenthetically, the city of Lachish is in the southwest of Israel. We pass the Tel (ruins) of Lachish on our Petra extension during our annual study trips to Israel. Lachish, a major city in the Old Testament, was conquered by Joshua (Joshua 10). Sennacherib the Assyrian king conquered it in 701 B.C. and from there threatened Jerusalem.

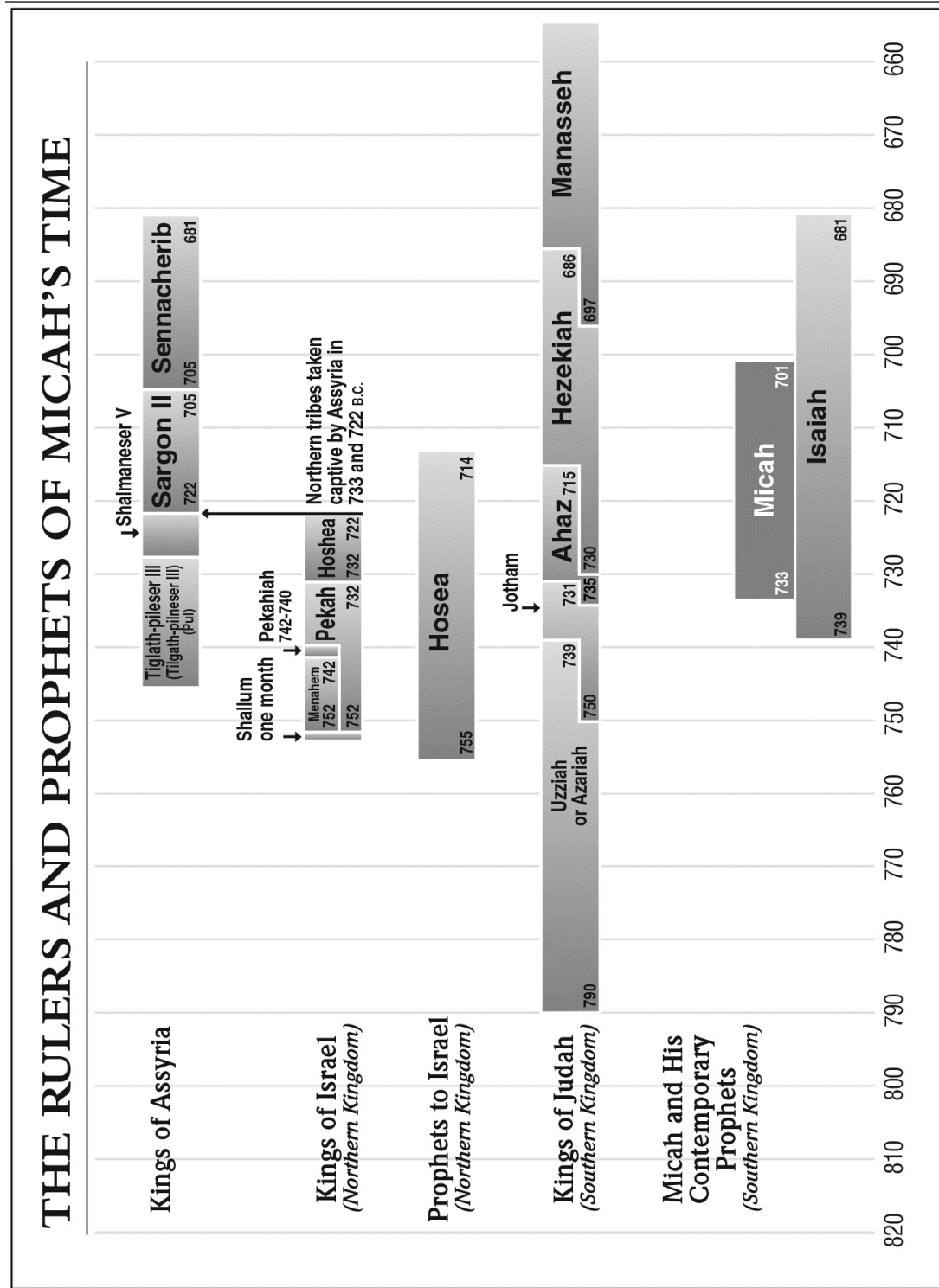
- b. Sin has a beginning. Read James 1:13-15. What leads to sin?
 - c. Temptation is enticement to sin. We have to be careful where we go, what we expose ourselves to, and who we hang out with. Read 1 Corinthians 15:33. What does it say about the company we keep?
 - d. Applying this, take time to ask God to search and reveal your heart. Ask yourself if there's any "beginning of sin" in your life. Act on what God shows you, Beloved. Remember, He is coming from His place and His reward is with Him to give to all according to their deeds. Your deeds show who you really are!

Well, Beloved, we'll leave you with this warning—don't let sin creep up on you through the company you keep. Tomorrow we will finish studying the first message of Micah and then you can look at commentaries to make sure you don't miss anything. We appreciate the gifted men and women God has raised up to write these scholarly works, but it's vital that we learn the text of Scripture for ourselves so we can measure everything else we read against the plumb line of truth—the whole counsel of God's Word.

DAY
FIVE

1. Read Micah 2, noting paragraph divisions and your analysis of them. This will be good review.

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Lesson 1, The Rulers and Prophets of Micah's Time



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Lesson 1, Micah Overview

MICAH 1

Observation Worksheets

Chapter Theme _____

THE word of the LORD which came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

- 2 Hear, O peoples, all of you;
Listen, O earth and all it contains,
And let the Lord GOD be a witness against you,
The Lord from His holy temple.
- 3 For behold, the LORD is coming forth from His place.
He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.
- 4 The mountains will melt under Him
And the valleys will be split,
Like wax before the fire,
Like water poured down a steep place.
- 5 All this is for the rebellion of Jacob
And for the sins of the house of Israel.
What is the rebellion of Jacob?
Is it not Samaria?
What is the high place of Judah?
Is it not Jerusalem?
- 6 For I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in the open country,
Planting places for a vineyard.
I will pour her stones down into the valley
And will lay bare her foundations.
- 7 All of her idols will be smashed,
All of her earnings will be burned with fire
And all of her images I will make desolate,
For she collected *them* from a harlot's earnings,
And to the earnings of a harlot they will return.

- 8 Because of this I must lament and wail,
I must go barefoot and naked;
I must make a lament like the jackals
And a mourning like the ostriches.
- 9 For her wound is incurable,
For it has come to Judah;
It has reached the gate of my people,
Even to Jerusalem.
- 10 Tell it not in Gath,
Weep not at all.
At Beth-le-aphrah roll yourself in the dust.
- 11 Go on your way, inhabitant of Shaphir, in shameful nakedness.
The inhabitant of Zaanan does not escape.
The lamentation of Beth-ezel: “He will take from you its support.”
- 12 For the inhabitant of Maroth
Becomes weak waiting for good,
Because a calamity has come down from the LORD
To the gate of Jerusalem.
- 13 Harness the chariot to the team of horses,
O inhabitant of Lachish—
She was the beginning of sin
To the daughter of Zion—
Because in you were found
The rebellious acts of Israel.
- 14 Therefore you will give parting gifts
On behalf of Moresheth-gath;
The houses of Achzib *will* become a deception
To the kings of Israel.
- 15 Moreover, I will bring on you
The one who takes possession,
O inhabitant of Mareshah.
The glory of Israel will enter Adullam.
- 16 Make yourself bald and cut off your hair,
Because of the children of your delight;
Extend your baldness like the eagle,
For they will go from you into exile.

MICAH 2

Observation Worksheets

Chapter Theme _____

- WOE to those who scheme iniquity,
 Who work out evil on their beds!
 When morning comes, they do it,
 For it is in the power of their hands.
- 2 They covet fields and then seize *them*,
 And houses, and take *them* away.
 They rob a man and his house,
 A man and his inheritance.
- 3 Therefore thus says the LORD,
 “Behold, I am planning against this family a calamity
 From which you cannot remove your necks;
 And you will not walk haughtily,
 For it will be an evil time.
- 4 “On that day they will take up against you a taunt
 And utter a bitter lamentation *and* say,
 ‘We are completely destroyed!
 He exchanges the portion of my people;
 How He removes it from me!
 To the apostate He apports our fields.’
- 5 “Therefore you will have no one stretching a measuring line
 For you by lot in the assembly of the LORD.
- 6 ‘Do not speak out,’ *so* they speak out.
But if they do not speak out concerning these things,
 Reproaches will not be turned back.

- 7 “Is it being said, O house of Jacob:
‘Is the Spirit of the LORD impatient?
Are these His doings?’
Do not My words do good
To the one walking uprightly?
- 8 “Recently My people have arisen as an enemy—
You strip the robe off the garment
From unsuspecting passers-by,
From those returned from war.
- 9 “The women of My people you evict,
Each *one* from her pleasant house.
From her children you take My splendor forever.
- 10 “Arise and go,
For this is no place of rest
Because of the uncleanness that brings on destruction,
A painful destruction.
- 11 “If a man walking after wind and falsehood
Had told lies *and said*,
‘I will speak out to you concerning wine and liquor,’
He would be spokesman to this people.
- 12 “I will surely assemble all of you, Jacob,
I will surely gather the remnant of Israel.
I will put them together like sheep in the fold;
Like a flock in the midst of its pasture
They will be noisy with men.
- 13 “The breaker goes up before them;
They break out, pass through the gate and go out by it.
So their king goes on before them,
And the LORD at their head.”

MICAH 3
Observation Worksheets

Chapter Theme _____

AND I said,

“Hear now, heads of Jacob
And rulers of the house of Israel.
Is it not for you to know justice?

2 “You who hate good and love evil,
Who tear off their skin from them
And their flesh from their bones,

3 Who eat the flesh of my people,
Strip off their skin from them,
Break their bones

And chop *them* up as for the pot
And as meat in a kettle.”

4 Then they will cry out to the LORD,
But He will not answer them.
Instead, He will hide His face from them at that time
Because they have practiced evil deeds.

5 Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people
astray;

When they have *something* to bite with their teeth,
They cry, “Peace,”
But against him who puts nothing in their mouths
They declare holy war.

6 Therefore *it will be* night for you—without vision,
And darkness for you—without divination.
The sun will go down on the prophets,
And the day will become dark over them.

- 7 The seers will be ashamed
And the diviners will be embarrassed.
Indeed, they will all cover *their* mouths
Because there is no answer from God.
- 8 On the other hand I am filled with power—
With the Spirit of the LORD—
And with justice and courage
To make known to Jacob his rebellious act,
Even to Israel his sin.
- 9 Now hear this, heads of the house of Jacob
And rulers of the house of Israel,
Who abhor justice
And twist everything that is straight,
- 10 Who build Zion with bloodshed
And Jerusalem with violent injustice.
- 11 Her leaders pronounce judgment for a bribe,
Her priests instruct for a price
And her prophets divine for money.
Yet they lean on the LORD saying,
“Is not the LORD in our midst?
Calamity will not come upon us.”
- 12 Therefore, on account of you
Zion will be plowed as a field,
Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple *will become*
high places of a forest.

MICAH 4
Observation Worksheets

Chapter Theme _____

AND it will come about in the last days

- That the mountain of the house of the LORD
Will be established as the chief of the mountains.
It will be raised above the hills,
And the peoples will stream to it.
- 2 Many nations will come and say,
“Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD
And to the house of the God of Jacob,
That He may teach us about His ways
And that we may walk in His paths.”
For from Zion will go forth the law,
Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 3 And He will judge between many peoples
And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.
Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
And never again will they train for war.
- 4 Each of them will sit under his vine
And under his fig tree,
With no one to make *them* afraid,
For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.
- 5 Though all the peoples walk
Each in the name of his god,
As for us, we will walk
In the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

- 6 “In that day,” declares the LORD,
“I will assemble the lame
And gather the outcasts,
Even those whom I have afflicted.
- 7 “I will make the lame a remnant
And the outcasts a strong nation,
And the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion
From now on and forever.
- 8 “As for you, tower of the flock,
Hill of the daughter of Zion,
To you it will come—
Even the former dominion will come,
The kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.
- 9 “Now, why do you cry out loudly?
Is there no king among you,
Or has your counselor perished,
That agony has gripped you like a woman in childbirth?
- 10 “Writhe and labor to give birth,
Daughter of Zion,
Like a woman in childbirth;
For now you will go out of the city,
Dwell in the field,
And go to Babylon.
There you will be rescued;
There the LORD will redeem you
From the hand of your enemies.
- 11 “And now many nations have been assembled against you
Who say, ‘Let her be polluted,
And let our eyes gloat over Zion.’

- 12 “But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD,
And they do not understand His purpose;
For He has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing floor.
- 13 “Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion,
For your horn I will make iron
And your hoofs I will make bronze,
That you may pulverize many peoples,
That you may devote to the LORD their unjust gain
And their wealth to the Lord of all the earth.

MICAH 5
Observation Worksheets

Chapter Theme _____

- “NOW muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops;
They have laid siege against us;
With a rod they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek.
- 2 “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity.”
- 3 Therefore He will give them *up* until the time
When she who is in labor has borne a child.
Then the remainder of His brethren
Will return to the sons of Israel.
- 4 And He will arise and shepherd *His flock*
In the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God.
And they will remain,
Because at that time He will be great
To the ends of the earth.
- 5 This One will be *our* peace.
- When the Assyrian invades our land,
When he tramples on our citadels,
Then we will raise against him
Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.
- 6 They will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword,
The land of Nimrod at its entrances;
And He will deliver *us* from the Assyrian
When he attacks our land
And when he tramples our territory.

- 7 Then the remnant of Jacob
Will be among many peoples
Like dew from the LORD,
Like showers on vegetation
Which do not wait for man
Or delay for the sons of men.
- 8 The remnant of Jacob
Will be among the nations,
Among many peoples
Like a lion among the beasts of the forest,
Like a young lion among flocks of sheep,
Which, if he passes through,
Tramples down and tears,
And there is none to rescue.
- 9 Your hand will be lifted up against your adversaries,
And all your enemies will be cut off.
- 10 “It will be in that day,” declares the LORD,
“That I will cut off your horses from among you
And destroy your chariots.
- 11 “I will also cut off the cities of your land
And tear down all your fortifications.
- 12 “I will cut off sorceries from your hand,
And you will have fortune-tellers no more.
- 13 “I will cut off your carved images
And your *sacred* pillars from among you,
So that you will no longer bow down
To the work of your hands.
- 14 “I will root out your Asherim from among you
And destroy your cities.
- 15 “And I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath
On the nations which have not obeyed.”

MICAH 6

Observation Worksheets

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HEAR now what the LORD is saying,

- “Arise, plead your case before the mountains,
And let the hills hear your voice.
- 2 “Listen, you mountains, to the indictment of the LORD,
And you enduring foundations of the earth,
Because the LORD has a case against His people;
Even with Israel He will dispute.
- 3 “My people, what have I done to you,
And how have I wearied you? Answer Me.
- 4 “Indeed, I brought you up from the land of Egypt
And ransomed you from the house of slavery,
And I sent before you Moses, Aaron and Miriam.
- 5 “My people, remember now
What Balak king of Moab counseled
And what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
And from Shittim to Gilgal,
So that you might know the righteous acts of the LORD.”
- 6 With what shall I come to the LORD
And bow myself before the God on high?
Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings,
With yearling calves?
- 7 Does the LORD take delight in thousands of rams,
In ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I present my firstborn *for* my rebellious acts,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

- 8 He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?
- 9 The voice of the LORD will call to the city—
And it is sound wisdom to fear Your name:
“Hear, O tribe. Who has appointed its time?
10 “Is there yet a man in the wicked house,
Along with treasures of wickedness
And a short measure *that is* cursed?
11 “Can I justify wicked scales
And a bag of deceptive weights?
12 “For the rich men of *the* city are full of violence,
Her residents speak lies,
And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
13 “So also I will make *you* sick, striking you down,
Desolating *you* because of your sins.
14 “You will eat, but you will not be satisfied,
And your vileness will be in your midst.
You will *try to remove for safekeeping*,
But you will not preserve *anything*,
And what you do preserve I will give to the sword.
15 “You will sow but you will not reap.
You will tread the olive but will not anoint yourself with oil;
And the grapes, but you will not drink wine.
16 “The statutes of Omri
And all the works of the house of Ahab are observed;
And in their devices you walk.
Therefore I will give you up for destruction
And your inhabitants for derision,
And you will bear the reproach of My people.”

MICAH 7
Observation Worksheets

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WOE is me! For I am

- Like the fruit pickers, like the grape gatherers.
There is not a cluster of grapes to eat,
Or a first-ripe fig *which* I crave.
- 2 The godly person has perished from the land,
And there is no upright *person* among men.
All of them lie in wait for bloodshed;
Each of them hunts the other with a net.
- 3 Concerning evil, both hands do it well.
The prince asks, also the judge, for a bribe,
And a great man speaks the desire of his soul;
So they weave it together.
- 4 The best of them is like a briar,
The most upright like a thorn hedge.
The day when you post your watchmen,
Your punishment will come.
Then their confusion will occur.
- 5 Do not trust in a neighbor;
Do not have confidence in a friend.
From her who lies in your bosom
Guard your lips.
- 6 For son treats father contemptuously,
Daughter rises up against her mother,
Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
A man's enemies are the men of his own household.

- 7 But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation.
My God will hear me.
- 8 Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy.
Though I fall I will rise;
Though I dwell in darkness, the LORD is a light for me.
- 9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD
Because I have sinned against Him,
Until He pleads my case and executes justice for me.
He will bring me out to the light,
And I will see His righteousness.
- 10 Then my enemy will see,
And shame will cover her who said to me,
“Where is the LORD your God?”
My eyes will look on her;
At that time she will be trampled down
Like mire of the streets.
- 11 *It will be* a day for building your walls.
On that day will your boundary be extended.
- 12 *It will be* a day when they will come to you
From Assyria and the cities of Egypt,
From Egypt even to the Euphrates,
Even from sea to sea and mountain to mountain.
- 13 And the earth will become desolate because of her inhabitants,
On account of the fruit of their deeds.
- 14 Shepherd Your people with Your scepter,
The flock of Your possession
Which dwells by itself in the woodland,
In the midst of a fruitful field.
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead
As in the days of old.

- 15 “As in the days when you came out from the land of Egypt,
I will show you miracles.”
- 16 Nations will see and be ashamed
Of all their might.
They will put *their* hand on *their* mouth,
Their ears will be deaf.
- 17 They will lick the dust like a serpent,
Like reptiles of the earth.
They will come trembling out of their fortresses;
To the LORD our God they will come in dread
And they will be afraid before You.
- 18 Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity
And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession?
He does not retain His anger forever,
Because He delights in unchanging love.
- 19 He will again have compassion on us;
He will tread our iniquities under foot.
Yes, You will cast all their sins
Into the depths of the sea.
- 20 You will give truth to Jacob
And unchanging love to Abraham,
Which You swore to our forefathers
From the days of old.

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