

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Major Lessons from Minor Prophets – Part 7

God's Special People (Micah)

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Seek the LORD and Live! –Major Lessons from Minor Prophets. Our topic today: God's Special People (Micah).

Scripture Song: "Seek the LORD while He may be found" – Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer

- 1) Setting
 - a) The northern kingdom has already fallen to the Assyrians.
 - b) Now Micah the prophet is warning Judah of impending judgment.
- 2) Agony of the Prophet's Heart
 - a) Micah 1:1-9
 - b) This opening appeal contains words of the LORD and also of the prophet Micah.
 - c) Who is wailing and howling in Micah 1:8?
 - d) It is not an easy assignment to be a spokesperson for God. Give some examples.
 - i) Num 11:10-15 - Moses
 - ii) 2 Cor 11:23-27 - Paul
 - iii) 1 Peter 4:14-16 – us
- e) What are your thoughts about taking an unpopular message to a hostile or disinterested listener?
- 3) A judgment against evildoers
 - a) Micah 2:1-11
 - b) Micah 3:1-12
 - c) Why do the prophets spend so much time identifying the wickedness of those who are listening to their testimony?
 - d) How can we help people to sense the need for repentance and reformation without coming across as critical or judgmental?
- 4) A prophecy about a Deliverer
 - a) Micah 5:2
 - b) How do we know this is a reference to the Son of God coming into human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth? (rather than simply local application)
 - i) Matthew 2:4-6
 - ii) John 1:1-3, 14
 - iii) John 8:58
- 5) God's appeal to His special people
 - a) Micah 6:1-8
 - b) Why is the simple summary of Micah 6:8 so helpful for our lives today?
- 6) Words of praise to the LORD our God
 - a) Micah 7:18-20
 - b) What other passages of Scripture emphasize the importance of praising God for who He is?
 - c) Why is it important to give thanks to God for His forgiveness and mercy?
 - d) Who has a word of praise to God for His mercy?