

Hear, O' People

It appears that **Micah is divided into three sections**, or message to audience:

Chapters 1 & 2 — Hear, O' People

Chapters 3 - 5 — Hear, heads of Jacob & rulers of Israel

Chapters 6 & 7 — Hear, hills and mountains, and hear O' Tribes

Our journey continues as we open Chapters 1 & 2 of Micah. God speaks to the people/nation, and we see God's justice, His severity and His kindness are demonstrated. Remember God's purpose is to restore man's relationship with Him; and to restore the entire creation...a new heaven and new earth!

As we discovered over the last two weeks, God is very interested in restoring the creation and man's relationship with Him. Because: **HE OWNS IT ALL!** Therefore, in Matthew 21: 33-45 the owner had to restore His property...place new tenants — stewards on the land...the cost was high...Praise God for the Son's obedience to pay the cost of freedom from slavery of sin on the cross and to restore His property.

One of the key points from our last sessions is: We have been delegated authority over the creation (Genesis 1:28), are required to be faithful with the mysteries of God (1 Col 4:1 - 2), and are expected to administer the manifold grace of God (1 Peter 4:10).

Micah had the hard task of reminding the people of Judah that they had broken their promises to God.

God held to His Word...expected Israel to uphold their promises and stay true to worshiping Him not the idols of the land. He warned them! They forgot they were the stewards/servants and not the OWNER.

Let us look at Chapters 1 & 2 of Micah...explore and answer the following questions:

When did the Word of the Lord come to Micah?

Who is the subject of the message God sent through Micah?

Take a moment and mark in your Bible Samaria in one color and Jerusalem in another. Then start a list of what you learned from about each. Note the Chapter & Verse of each observation.

Samaria	Jerusalem

Micah is the first reference to the daughter of Zion. Read the following scriptures and tell me what you learn about Zion.

2 Samuel 5:7

2 Kings 19:20 - 31

Psalm 9:11 - 14

What city is synonymous with Zion? _____

Moses, whom the Israelites respected greatly, cried out to God in Exodus 33, that he wanted to know God's ways. As you read Chapter 1 of Micah, list (give verse number) what you learn about God and His ways:

Now re-read Chapters 1 & 2, and take a pencil and see if you can divide the chapters into "sections" based upon the themes expressed: Note what verses make up the sections you see. I will start you off with what I see as the first section.

1:1 - 7 — judgement is coming

So Micah appears to have spoken to the people of earth; especially, _____ and _____ in which _____ is a witness against them.

Do you think this message has any significance today? _____ IF so, why?

How does the first "Hear" segment end in Micah? Who does it pertain too and how should we relate to that message?

What caused the situation to occur that led God to being anger? _____

According to Micah 1:13 who was the beginning of the sin to Jerusalem? _____

Read James 1:13 - 15 and 1 Corinthians 15:33, the Word tells us what leads to sin? And the company we keep?

How were the people tempted which led to Micah's

So, let us focus on Chapter 2 of Micah; and see what you learn about their sin, iniquity, evil actions, etc.

Who is sinning? What are they doing? What is expected to happen and by whom?

Micah 2:6 - 11 tells us that there are those whom desire Micah to be silent....Who and why?

Now Micah 2:7 speaks to God's words; "Do not My words do good to the one walking uprightly"? How can we apply this truth to ourselves today? What benefit will it reap in our lives?

Now, like in chapter 1, let us see what we learn of God in chapter 2. Note by verse what God does, will do, etc. Once again, I will give you a start:

v3 - The Lord does speak to us

After your exploration of Micah chapters 1 & 2; seeing what the people were doing and what God does, do and will do; I once again ask you the following:

Are we executing our stewardship duties with integrity?

Are we represent our land owner correctly?

What reward should our actions reap?