

As we observe Micah chapter 3, be on the lookout for the following words; you can even mark them in your Bible with different colors to highlight them:

- 1) prophets, plus the pronouns and synonyms such as seers, diviners
- 2) temple
- 3) Zion
- 4) justice

B. Deeds of the Heads and Rulers:

Now read chapter 3 and help describe the themes disclosed. I have given you a clue by showing the verses that make up the themes:

3:1 – 4 _____

3:5 – 8 _____

3:9 – 12 _____

From your reading, why was Judah the focus of the second message? _____

What “heads” or “rulers” did God speak to and were they doing/how were they acting?

Read Deuteronomy 16:18 – 20 and see what God’s instructions were pertaining to justice and ruling. The word justice is first seen in Micah in chapter 3. In your own words compare what was occurring in chapter 3 to God’s instructions in Deuteronomy 16.

Give details in the chart below of how the actions of prophets and Micah in that time

Prophets	Micah

C. When did Micah deliver God’s second message?

Let us put into context when God had Micah deliver His message to the Southern kingdom of Judah. Take a moment and look in Jeremiah 26. You will see that the priests, prophets, and people were calling for Jeremiah's death because of his truthful messages. Look specifically at Jeremiah 26:16 – 19...

1) Who is used as an example for Jeremiah's protection? _____

2) Look back our previous overview material and/or use your Bible's commentary to see when did Micah prophesy? _____

3) Therefore, the second message was given to Micah by God and spoken to the people after _____ had been destroyed and before Judah was attacked. What did Micah prophesy to Judah?

4) According to Jeremiah 26:19 and 2 Chronicles 32:20-22 how was Micah's message received and the results?

D. Message today?

Let us look in the New Testament and discuss what was occurring in Jesus's time and even ours today. Read 2 Peter 1:19 – 2:3, and 2 Timothy 4:1 – 4.

1) What do you see about truth and false narrative?

2) Describe how false teachers and bad leaders were acting?

E. Nations' acts towards God.

Now let us see how Micah prepares those who will see God restore His people/land. Read Micah chapter 4 again and lay out the major themes/thoughts:

4:1 – 6 _____

4:6 – 8 _____

4:9 – 10 _____

4:11 – 13 _____

1) What have you discovered about (a) the mountain of the house of the Lord, and (b) the nations actions towards Jerusalem and God's city of Zion?

2) When do did Micah project these things to happen? _____

3) What does God promise will happen to the remnant in Micah 4:9 - 13?

4) Did God promise to rescue those in the Northern kingdom/Samaria?

5) What do you take away from reading chapters 3 & 4? Specifically, how has this impacted your thinking about applying God's Word to our life's situations?

Brothers in Christ, I hope these scriptures readings and comments/questions helps you explore Tony's question/challenge to us. I trust you will do some digging and be ready to share how you interpret the Word...what guidance/advice to you see to help us navigate today's rough waters of politically correct speech and non-biblical worldviews, laws, and policies. By no means did I cover every scripture or even approached every angle on the challenge.

I look forward to our discussion on Sunday.