

We will now begin the third lecture on Minor Prophets. /Today we will study the book of Micah. /Micah was born in the nation of Judah in the south. /However, he proclaimed God's word to both the nations of Judah in the south and Israel in the north.

/In the book of Micah, there is more information about Judah than Israel. /Micah prophesied about God's judgment that resulted from Israel's sins, /and ultimately, Micah prophesied about the restoration of both Judah and Israel.

/Then in Micah 5:2, he prophesies that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. /The prophet Isaiah lived in the same time period as Micah. /Isaiah usually prophesied near the Jerusalem temple.

/Micah prophesied to the common people. /The name "Micah" means, "Who is like God?" /7:18.

/The author of the book is Micah. /In 1:1, Micah lived during the reigns of King Jotham, King Ahaz, and King Hezekiah. /He recorded this book between 758 BC and 710 BC. /Let's look at the contents of Micah chapters 1-7.

/The book of Micah can be separated into three categories. /First, warning about judgment. /Chapters 1-3. /Micah pointed out the sins of Judah and Israel. /He warned the people that God's judgment would come upon them. /The prophet rebuked the people for their idol worship.

/The prophet rebuked the religious leaders who filled their own stomachs. /These leaders exploited the people and were dishonest towards them. /Second, prophecy about restoration. /Chapters 4-5. /Micah prophesied that the kingdom would be restored.

/The scattered people would return. /Then Micah prophesied about the ruler of the kingdom. /Ultimately, the Messiah would come.

/Third, urging to repent. /Chapters 6-7. /Micah urged the sinful and corrupted people to repent. /Then he once again prophesied about the promise of salvation.

/We will now begin chapter 1. /The title of chapter 1 is "Sin and Destruction." /First, the introduction. Verse 1. /Second, God of judgment. /Verses 2-4. /Third, Israel will be destroyed as a result of her sins. /Verses 5-7. /Fourth, Judah will be destroyed as a result of her sins. /Verses 8-16.

/We will now begin chapter 2. /The title of chapter 2 is "Opposition of Prophecy." /First, God would punish those who do evil. /Verses 1-3. /Second, the mournful song of those who face disaster. /Verses 4-5. /Third, those who oppose true prophets will be destroyed. /Verses 6-11. /Fourth, promise of the restoration of Israel. /Verses 12-13.

/We will now begin chapter 3. /The title of chapter 3 is "Fall of Prophets." /First, the sins of the rulers. /Verses 1-2. /Second, greedy prophets and prophets who like to wage war. /

Verses 5-7. /Third, the calling and power of true prophets. /Verse 8. /Fourth, Zion would become empty as a result of the sins of the leaders.

/Read verse 1. /Then I said, "Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel. Should you not know justice,

/Here it tells of the sins of the rulers. /The leaders of Jacob sinned. /The rulers of Israel sinned. /They did not chase after goodness and strayed away from justice.

/They exploited the people. /They freely acted in wickedness. /Therefore, God would judge them. /In verse 3 it says, "who eat my people's flesh, strip off their skin and break their bones in pieces."

/Verse 3. /who eat my people's flesh, strip off their skin and break their bones in pieces; who chop them up like meat for the pan, like flesh for the pot?"

/The leaders brutally exploited the people. /The leaders did not act justly because they wanted to gain more things. /The leaders abused the people.

/Verse 4. /Then they will cry out to the LORD, but he will not answer them. At that time he will hide his face from them because of the evil they have done.

/The leaders sinned, but they cried out to God asking for blessings. /When they did, God did not listen to their prayers. /God does not listen to the prayers of those who do evil. /Proverbs 28:9.

/Verse 5. /This is what the LORD says: "As for the prophets who lead my people astray, if one feeds them, they proclaim 'peace'; if he does not, they prepare to wage war against him.

/They were called prophets who led God's people astray. /They were prophets who chased after greed. /These prophets proclaimed "peace" when they were given food to eat. /They blessed those who brought them materials.

/However, when people did not bring them anything, they prepared for war against them. /True prophets must blessed people whether they receive anything or not. /Pastors must truly love their sheep.

/Verse 6. /Therefore night will come over you, without visions, and darkness, without divination. The sun will set for the prophets, and the day will go dark for them.

/Those who chase after greed and materials meet darkness. /Their spirits grow dark. /They cannot see visions.

/They cannot see God's revelation. /They cannot understand God's word. /They do not know God's will. /Darkness grows over them and they will be destroyed.

/Verse 7. /The seers will be ashamed and the diviners disgraced. They will all cover their faces because there is no answer from God."

/The seers would be ashamed. /The prophets who entice believers would be ashamed.  
/The lies of the false prophets would be revealed. /They would have nothing more to say. /God will not answer them. /False prophets cannot do works. /They cannot bear fruit.

/Verse 8. /But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin.

/This was the path of the true prophet Micah. /True prophets go forward with power, justice, and might from God. /Micah also rebuked the sins of God's people. /2 Timothy 1:7.

/True prophets go forward with the power of the Holy Spirit. /True prophets do God's work with justice and might. /Then they rebuke the sins of the people when they do wrong.

/Verses 9-10. /Hear this, you leaders of the house of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel, who despise justice and distort all that is right; who build Zion with bloodshed, and Jerusalem with wickedness.

/God rebuked the false prophets. /God rebuked the leaders and rulers of Israel. /They did not walk in justice. /They did not walk in truthfulness. /They killed people and walked with sin. /Therefore, God would judge the leaders of Israel.

/Verse 11. /Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money. Yet they lean upon the LORD and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No disaster will come upon us."

/The leaders accepted bribes when they judged. /The judges did not judge justly. /The priests taught for a price. /The prophets told fortunes for money. /They sought God's will, but they did not find God's will. /They also did not have power.

/They lied. /Therefore, God would ultimately judge them. /They said that no disaster would come upon them. /However, God would bring disaster upon them.

/Verse 12. /Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

/Zion indicates Jerusalem. /Jerusalem would ultimately become desolate. /Today, churches that leave God become desolate. /God will forsake them if they abandon the truth.

/We will continue with chapter 4. /The title of chapter 4 is "The Millennial Kingdom."

/First, Christ's kingdom that would come in the Last Days. /Verses 1-8. /Second, God would redeem his people who suffer in Babylon. /Verses 9-10. /Third, God would judge the enemy nation and build up Zion. /Verses 11-13.

/Read verse 1. /In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.

/It says that the Lord's temple would be established on the mountains in the Last Days. /Refer to Isaiah chapter 2 for the interpretation of this verse. /The "last days" indicate the time between Jesus' coming to this earth and His Second Coming. /The "mountain of the LORD's temple" indicates the kingdom of God.

/It says, "as chief among the mountains." /This means that the kingdom of God would be established when this world comes to an end. /This indicates the Millennial Kingdom. /It says, "peoples will stream to it." /This means that believers of Jesus would gather there.

/Verse 2. /Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

/In the New Testament times, Gentiles would gather at the church. /They will learn about the ways of God. /It says that the word of God would come from Jerusalem.

/Zion and Jerusalem is where God's temple is. /Zion symbolizes the place where God is. /Today it refers to the place where God's laws and word come from.

/Verse 3. /He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

/The Millennial Kingdom would come when Jesus returns. /There are three views of the Millennial Kingdom. /First, postmillennialism. /This view claims that Christ's return will take place after the Millennial kingdom comes to an end. /The world will get better.

/However, this is a wrong view. /The world becomes more and more wicked as the Last Days approach. /There are more and more apostates. /Thus, the postmillennial view is incorrect.

/Second, amillennialism. /This view claims that there is no Millennial Kingdom. /The "thousand years" is considered a symbolic numbers. /This view claims that the New Testament times is the Millennial Kingdom. /However, the Millennial Kingdom is spoken of in Revelation chapter 20.

/It says that devil will be locked up for a thousand years. /Amillennialists claim that the New Testament period is the Millennial Kingdom. /Revelation chapter 20 says that the devil does not work during the Millennial Kingdom. /However, there are many works of

the devil in the New Testament period today. /Therefore, the amillennialist view is incorrect.

/Third, premillennialism. /The “premillennialist” view claims that Christ’s return will take place before the Millennial Kingdom takes place. /This means that the Millennial Kingdom will take place after Jesus returns. /We believe in the premillennialist view.

/Refer to Revelation chapter 20 about this. /During the Millennial Kingdom, there will be a new heaven and a new earth. /Revelation chapter 20 says that the devil will be locked up for a thousand years.

/When Jesus returns, we believers will have already been resurrected into spiritual bodies. /We will be kings. /Who will be the subjects of the Millennial Kingdom? /There will be a group of people who will have survived the Armageddon. /They will become the subjects of the Millennial Kingdom.

/They will not die but continue to have children. /They will become the people. /After the Millennial Kingdom will be the Great White Throne Judgment. /After the Great White Throne Judgment, there will be eternal heaven and eternal hell.

/In today’s passage, it says that they will beat their swords into plowshares. /When God’s kingdom comes, there will be peace in the world. /Zechariah 14:20, 21. /Isaiah 11:9. /Isaiah 65:17-25.

/Verse 4. /Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken.

/In the Millennial Kingdom, people will sit peacefully under their own vines. /The people will live in peace. /We believers will be kings in our spiritual bodies. /Isaiah 65:21.

/Verse 5. /All the nations may walk in the name of their gods; we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

/It says that all the nations walk in the name of their gods. /“All the nations” indicate all the people in the world. /They once served idols. /However, they repented, and now we serve our God alone. /We walk in the name of the Lord our God. /We have been saved through faith in Jesus.

/Verses 6-7. /“In that day,” declares the LORD, “I will gather the lame; I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought to grief. I will make the lame a remnant, those driven away a strong nation. The LORD will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever.

/The “lame” and “those driven away” refer to believers. /They refer to the chosen believers. /Matthew 22:1-14. /The people of the world persecute believers. /However, true believers keep their faith.

/Verse 8. /As for you, O watchtower of the flock, O stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to the Daughter of Jerusalem."

/Finally, Micah prophesies that the kingdom of God would come. /God would watch over and protect the people of Israel.

/From verse 9, God's people who suffered in Babylon would be redeemed. /God would then judge the antichrist and the enemy nation. /Let us continue.

/We will continue with Micah chapter 5. /The title is "Bethlehem." /First, Israel's suffering. /Verse 1. /Second, the birth of Christ. /Verses 2-3. /Third, Christ's victory and construction of the nation. /Verses 4-9. /Fourth, Christ's judgment. /Verses 10-15.

/Verse 1. /Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod.

/The "city of troops" indicate the Israelites. /It meant that they were to gather their army and attack the enemy. /"A siege is laid against us" meant that the enemies had surrounded them. /The Israelites were surrounded by their enemies and were shamed and scorned upon.

/Verse 2. /"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

/Here, Micah prophesied that Christ would be born in Bethlehem. /Jesus was born in Bethlehem as was prophesied. /This verse was quoted upon Jesus' birth. /Matthew 2:6 /Bethlehem means, "house of bread."

/It symbolizes that Jesus would be the bread of life. /Jesus is our bread of life. /Bethlehem was a small county in the district of Judah. /However, it became a valuable location because Jesus was born there.

/Although the town was externally an insignificant place, it became a beautiful and valuable place because of Christ. /When Jesus works, the places become beautiful. /Matthew 4:15-16. /When Jesus dwells there, it becomes glorious.

/Moses saw God's glory when God appeared to him in the burning bush. /Bethlehem was a small town. /Because Jesus was born there, it became a glorious town. /We believers are nothing.

/However, we became worthy because we received Jesus. /"Ephrathah" was Bethlehem's old name. /It means "fruitful." /It prophesied that the fruit of salvation would become abundant through the birth of Christ.

/Micah said, “whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” /Jesus was before creation. /John 1:1. /Jesus was with our Father God before eternity. /Jesus was before eternity.

/Jesus has no beginning and no end. /Jesus is the Trinity God. /Jesus is the Son of God. /He came to this earth in the body of a man. /Jesus came through the virgin Mary. /Jesus does not have any sins.

/Verse 3. /Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

/It says, “she who is in labor.” /This meant that the virgin Mary would be conceived through the Holy Spirit and give birth to Jesus. /Isaiah 7:14. /Christ would be born in Bethlehem. /Christ would be born through a virgin, through the Holy Spirit.

/This also meant that the Israelites would receive sufferings. /Before the birth of Jesus, the Israelites would suffer. /Then, those who are left would return. /The remaining people refer to the chosen believers.

/Verse 4. /He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

/Christ would defeat the enemies with the power and majesty of God. /Christ would save His people by the power of God.

/Verse 5. /And he will be their peace. When the Assyrian invades our land and marches through our fortresses, we will raise against him seven shepherds, even eight leaders of men.

/“He” indicates Christ. /Christ is our peace. /He is our spiritual peace, /peace in heaven, /and the peace of forgiveness of sins.

/Here, there are “seven shepherds” and “eight leaders of men.” /The seven shepherds indicate the spiritual leaders in Christianity. /It means that there will be a lot of spiritual leaders. /The “eight leaders of men” are powerful leaders.

/Then in verse 6, Micah speaks of Assyria and Babylon. /Assyria indicates the nation of the antichrist. /Assyria and Babylon are nations of the antichrist. /In the Last Days, the powers of the antichrist will persecute Christians.

/Then, God will build his church on powerful leaders. /As a result, the gospel will ultimately have victory.

/Verse 7. /The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the

LORD, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind.

/“The remnant of Jacob” are the chosen believers. /The “many peoples” are the people of all the nations in the world. /It means that there will be many saved believers from all around the world.

/They will be like dew from the Lord. /Dew symbolizes the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /The “showers” symbolize the word of God. /In this way, God will revive us through his word and the Holy Spirit.

/Verse 8. /The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, which mauls and mangles as it goes, and no one can rescue.

/“The remnant of Jacob” indicate believers who are saved through Christ. /The saved believers would come from all the nations of the world. /They will be as strong as lions. / They will triumph.

/God gives us believers strength and power like a lion. /Therefore, we must rely on God and go forward. /Samson, David, and Daniel defeated the lion.

/Verses 10-11. /"In that day," declares the LORD, "I will destroy your horses from among you and demolish your chariots. I will destroy the cities of your land and tear down all your strongholds.

/It means that we must not rely on horses, chariots, or cities. /We do not gain victory through blood and flesh. /We gain victory only through the power of God.

/Verse 12. /I will destroy your witchcraft and you will no longer cast spells.

/God judges those who practice witchcraft and tell fortunes. /We must get rid of all superstitions. /We must not have our fortunes told.

/Verses 13-14. /I will destroy your carved images and your sacred stones from among you; you will no longer bow down to the work of your hands. I will uproot from among you your Asherah poles and demolish your cities.

/We must destroy all idols. We must throw out all idols.

/Verse 15. /I will take vengeance in anger and wrath upon the nations that have not obeyed me."

/God will pour out his wrath on those who do not obey God's word. /We must obey God's word and we must make God's wrath subside.

/We will continue with chapter 6. /The title of chapter 6 is “God's Demand.” /First, do



not forget God's redemption in the past. /Verses 1-5. /Second, God desires justice, love, and for his people to walk with God. /Verses 6-8. /Third, God punishes the sins of Israel. /Verses 9-16.

/Read verse 1. /Listen to what the LORD says: "Stand up, plead your case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say.

/God said, "plead your case before the mountains." /The mountains would be the witnesses that would tell if God was correct or if the Israelites were correct. /People change but the Lord never changes. /Thus, the mountains would be the witnesses to this. /Isaiah 1:2. /Joshua 24:26, 27.

/Verse 3. /"My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me.

/God spoke to the people. /"What have I done to you? Answer me." /God told the Israelites to tell him what he did wrong, if God have done something wrong. /God only gives us things that benefit us. /God gave us his grace and blessings.

/Verse 4. /I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam.

/What did God bless them with? /First, God led them out of slavery in Egypt. /We were sinners in the past. /We were slaves to the devil. /We were slaves to death. /However, God redeemed us and saved us.

/Second, God sent them Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. /This means that God sent them true prophets. /God taught us his word through true prophets.

/Today, God sent us true pastors. /Hence, we learn God's valuable word. /We must be thankful to have met true leaders. /There are many false prophets in the world. /There are many cults.

/There are many people who devour flocks of sheep. /However, we must be thankful that God sent us true pastors.

/Verse 5. /My people, remember what Balak king of Moab counseled and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember [your journey] from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

/Balaam was a false prophet. /He attempted to destroy Israel. /Deuteronomy 23:5. /However, God saved us from the midst of it all.

/Third, God led the people from Shittim to Gilgal. /Shittim was located east of the Jordan. /Joshua 3:1. /Gilgal was the place the people were first stationed at in Canaan. /Joshua 4:20.

/In this way, God led them before they crossed the Jordan, and even after they crossed the Jordan River. /We are here today through God's grace. /God protected us in the past and he continues to protect us today. /God will also protect us in the future. /God will continuously pour out his grace and blessings upon us.

/Verses 6-7. /With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

/We received an abundance of God's grace. /Then, how can we repay God for it all? /Should we give him many offerings? /God is more pleased with faith than many offerings.

/We must not offering our firstborn for our transgressions. /Foreign peoples sacrificed their sons to idols. /This was very wrong. /It is not right to kill someone to sacrifice to idols. /We have been forgiven of our sins through faith in Jesus alone. /Sacrifice offerings in the Old Testament mean to give to Jesus with faith.

/Verse 8. /He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

/God requires three things of us. /First, he wants us to act justly. /We must live upright before God. /We must act fairly and justly. /Jeremiah 5:1. /Matthew 6:33.

/Second, God wants us to love mercy. /We must be compassionate and show mercy towards others. /We must love God and love our neighbors. /We must have compassion on our neighbors and love them. /We must help our neighbors. /We must save our neighbors. /Matthew 9:13.

/Third, God wants us to walk humbly with him. /We must walk with God. /We must be humble. /The Lord wants us to have faith like this. /Matthew 23:23. /We must be righteous, loving, and faithful. /Matthew 9:13.

/We must give offerings to God with faith. /The things that God truly desires are righteousness, love, and faithfulness.

/We will move on to chapter 7. /The title is "The Good are Cut Off."

/First, righteousness is no more, and the world becomes wicked. /Verses 1-6. /Second, there is hope for those who look upon the Lord in the midst of hardships. /Verses 7-13. /Third, salvation of the chosen, and destruction of the enemies. /Verses 14-17. /Fourth, the merciful God. /Verses 18-20.

/Here we will conclude the entire lecture on the book of Micah. /We will conclude the third lecture on Minor Prophets. /Thank you.