

Lesson 4:
Micah:
Hear God's Words

Read Micah 1-7 to answer the following:

1. The Word of the Lord came to Micah during whose days? (Micah 1:1) _____
_____ To which nation did he speak? _____

Remember: Jerusalem was the capital of Judah and Samaria was the capital of Israel

2. What did Micah call for the people to do? (Micah 1:2a) _____
3. What was his warning? (Micah 1:3) _____

Many "high places" had been built where people went and worshiped false idols

4. What was Micah's reaction when he heard what God was going to do? (Micah 1:8) _____

5. Remember that there was not one good king in Israel – they all worshiped the golden calves of Dan and Bethel. What did we learn about King Ahaz? (2 Kings 16:2-4) _____

Micah spoke during the days of King Ahaz and King Hezekiah that reigned after Ahaz

6. Was King Hezekiah a good king? (2 Kings 18:3-6) _____ What was one of the first thing he did? _____

_____ Does it sound like King Hezekiah believed the words of the prophet, Micah? _____
However, were these reforms good enough this late in Judah's history? _____

incurable wound means "*the hopeless condition of Israel brought about by their habitual sin*"

7. Because of their continual sin and refusal to listen to God's prophets, what was God going to allow? (Micah 2:3) _____

Evil would come upon them, and God also told them that they were going to lose the land

8. What would happen to Jerusalem? (Micah 3:12) _____
_____ Were those bold words to speak? _____

What does Jeremiah 26:18-19 say? _____

_____ After reading those verses, how did King Hezekiah respond to the words from Micah? _____

9. What words of hope from God did Micah leave? (Micah 4:1-2) _____
_____ Compare Micah 5:2 with Matthew 2:2.
What do they tell us? _____

Answers:

1. Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah; Judah;
2. Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is;
3. For the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth;
4. Micah would wail and howl, go stripped and naked, make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls;
5. did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD his God, he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, on the hills, and under every green tree;
6. yes, he did what right in the sight of the LORD; He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves; yes; no
7. against this family (Judah) do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks;
8. Jerusalem would be plowed as a field, it would become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest; yes; Jeremiah repeated this message of Micah and declared, "Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death?"; King Hezekiah feared the LORD, and besought the LORD;
9. in the last days, the house of the Lord would be established, people would flow to it, many nations will go to the house of the Lord and will walk in his paths; Jesus would be born in Bethlehem of Judaea.