

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Micah 4:4**THE DIVIDED KINGDOM 23-1**

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.

"GOD'S PLAN INCLUDES RESTORATION"
Micah 1:1-5:15**DAY 1 READ Micah 1:1-5:15**

1. Share a thought that impressed you from last week's lesson.
2. Micah is introduced as the book opens. Where was he from and during the reign of which kings did he prophesy?

DAY 2 REVIEW Micah 1:1-16

3. Israel (Samaria) had consistently indulged in idolatry. Now Judah was infected to a point where God would intervene to deal with their sin.
 - a. God's presence was described how in verses 3-4?
 - b. Read Psalm 97. Why should the righteous have no fear of the Lord's presence?
4. In verses 8-16 Micah grieved.
 - a. How did he express his grief?
 - b. Why was he heartbroken in verse 9?
 - c. How would the children be affected?
5. What penalty do you think today's children will pay as a result of the sins of our nation?

DAY 3 REVIEW Micah 2:1-13

6. a. How were the rich exploiting the poor?
 - b. What would happen in the coming calamity?
7. What was the message of the false prophets?

DAY 3 (Continued) REVIEW Micah 2:1-13

8. In verses 8-10 God's people were exhibiting deplorable behavior. How do you think people today embarrass God by their actions? Give an example.

9. a. This section closes with a marvelous promise.
 . . . for whom?

 . . . by whom?

- b. In your opinion, why would these promises be encouraging especially to the victims of oppression?

DAY 4 REVIEW Micah 3:1-4:8

10. The abusive leadership should have known better. Therefore, how would God respond to them in Micah 3:4?

11. How would the false prophets be disgraced?

12. a. How did Micah affirm his authority?

b. How does knowing you speak to others by the authority of God's Word strengthen you?

c. How do you feel about your ability to witness to others?

13. Verse 12 says, "Because of you..." (not God's fault) what desolation would take place?

14. God can take the worst disaster we bring upon ourselves and bring good from it. Micah 4:1-8 is prophetic Scripture of the coming Messianic kingdom (the time when the Lord will reign 1000 years – see Revelation 20:1-6). How does Micah describe . . .
 - a. . . . the appeal of the kingdom?

 - b. . . . the ruler of the kingdom? (vs.3)

 - c. . . . the environment of the kingdom? (vs.3,4)

 - d. . . . the remnant's place in the kingdom? (vs.8)

DAY 5 REVIEW Micah 4:9-5:15

15. What was God's plan for His people?

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a. vs. 4:10

b. vs. 4:11-13

16. a. What was the prophecy in Micah 5:2?

b. How was this fulfilled in Matthew 1:24-2:6?

17. Micah 5:5 says, "And he will be their peace," meaning the Messiah. How has Jesus brought and kept peace in your life?

18. In Micah 5:7-9 the remnant will be _____ the nations.
What victory is foretold in verse 9?

19. Verses 10-15 tell about destruction of anything Judah might depend upon instead of God. Why would you think that was necessary knowing Judah's history?

20. **NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION:** Jesus gives us a fresh beginning when we come to Him. Write 2 Corinthians 5:17.

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: