

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 04 Sept 2022	Amos 01-02	Listen to God
2) 11-Sept	Amos 03-04	Turn to God
3) 18 Sept	Amos 05-07	Seek God
4) 25 Sept	Amos 08-09	Hope in God
5) 02 Oct	Jonah 01-02	No Escape
6) 09 Oct	Jonah 03-04	No Compassion
7) 16 Oct	Hosea 01-03	The Unfaithful Bride
8) 23 Oct	Hosea 04-07	The Hollow Promises
9) 30 Oct	Hosea 08-12	The Sin Harvested
10) 06 Nov	Hosea 13-14	The Restoration Promised
11) 13 Nov	Micah 01-03	Leaders Needed
12) 20 Nov	Micah 04-06	Humble Beginnings
13) 27 Nov	Micah 07	Hope Found

INTRODUCTION

- The northern kingdom of Israel was recently captured & dispersed by the Assyrians, and the southern kingdom of Judah is on the verge of being captured by the Babylonians (ancient Iraqis) – all because of sin
 - Even in this sin-ridden culture there was a godly remnant who will be captured, stripped naked, dispersed, or even killed along with the guilty sinners
 - How does God bring hope to the hopeless?
 - God honors you before your enemies.....Ps 23:5
 - God restores a lost fortune, reputation, loved ones
 - Persecution/Slander Stops
 - Other ways

Passage	Comments
4:1-2	<p>In the Latter Days...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will come a day when many nations will enjoy traveling to Jerusalem to learn from the Lord When are those Latter Days? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Time of Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Times? <input type="checkbox"/> Millennial Kingdom? <input type="checkbox"/> Eternal Kingdom These latter days could be an allusion to the Millennial Kingdom, but definitely during the Eternal Kingdom
4:3-5	<p>They will beat their swords into plowshares...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God will judge many peoples and rebuke strong nations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This definitely happens at the end of the Tribulation There will come a day when there will not be a need for weapons. Possibly this is the Millennial Kingdom. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Picture all defense contractors being turned into John Deere and Caterpillar factories to work farms.
4:6-10	<p>God Will Assemble the Lame and Rescue Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The handicapped will have a special nation to themselves. This still seems to lean toward the Millennium since Eternity will not have any Lame <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaiah 56:4,5 says the handicapped ('eunuchs') will even be given a special name better than sons & daughters
4:11-13	<p>Enemy nations of Israel have a surprise coming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> They will be gathered together for annihilation This happens at the end of the 7-year Tribulation, and 1,000 years later at the end of the Millennial Kingdom
5:1-15	<p>Future Blessing & Destruction of Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God will strike the judge or leaders of Israel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theologians differ on who God used to strike Israel: Babylonians, Chaldeans, or Romans Barnes states: This [chapter] has obviously no fulfillment, except in the infliction by the Romans.
5:2	<p>Announcement of the Coming of a New Ruler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bethlehem is given a special place of honor – the future birthplace of the Messiah..... Mat 2:5-6 This Messiah will have His origins from Everlasting

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6:1-33	<p>BUT, God's People are Bored with Him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> God asks Israel for an answer, "What have I done?" What more could God have done to Israel, except turn them into robotsRom 10:21 What would we do to fix insincere worship?
6:4-5	<p>God Gives His Answer!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider what God has done on behalf of His people IOW, we should count our blessings and consider the righteous acts of God toward us
6:7-8	<p>Keys to pleasing God</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do true justice Exhibit loving kindness Walk humbly with God <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would Mother Theresa fit this category? Would you?
6:9-16	<p>More Devastation Promised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How long will God's unrelenting disciplining continue? Can God break a sinner who doesn't want to repent? Recall that God can easily discipline and even take one of His children home early if needed 1Cor 11:29-30 How far, then, would/could/should God go with His own people, Israel to save them? Rom 9:6

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- God brings hope through His word – good things are going to happen as promised. The BIG question is WHEN?
- Hope is always answered in the future – sometimes in our lifetime, but always in Heaven

NEXT WEEK: Micah 7. A bright future for God's people and ultimate victory for God's Kingdom. – BUT WHEN?



A bronze statue, presented by the Soviet Union in 1959, resides in the New York's United Nations Park. It faces UN Headquarters and depicts a man beating a sword into a plowshare, and its plaque quotes Micah 4:3