

**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><b>In the Latter Days...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will come a day when many nations will enjoy traveling to Jerusalem to learn from the Lord</li> <li>When are those Latter Days?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Time of Christ? <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Times?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Millennial Kingdom? <input type="checkbox"/> Eternal Kingdom</li> </ul> </li> <li>These latter days could be an allusion to the Millennial Kingdom, but definitely during the Eternal Kingdom</li> </ul>
4:3-5	<p><b>They will beat their swords into plowshares...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God will judge many peoples and rebuke strong nations                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This definitely happens at the end of the Tribulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>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"> <li>Picture all defense contractors being turned into John Deere and Caterpillar factories to work farms.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4:6-10	<p><b>God Will Assemble the Lame and Rescue Israel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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"> <li>Isaiah 56:4,5 says the handicapped ('eunuchs') will even be given a special name better than sons &amp; daughters</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4:11-13	<p><b>Enemy nations of Israel have a surprise coming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They will be gathered together for annihilation</li> <li>This happens at the end of the 7-year Tribulation, and 1,000 years later at the end of the Millennial Kingdom</li> </ul>
5:1-15	<p><b>Future Blessing &amp; Destruction of Israel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>God will strike the judge or leaders of Israel                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theologians differ on who God used to strike Israel: Babylonians, Chaldeans, or Romans</li> <li>Barnes states: This [chapter] has obviously no fulfillment, except in the infliction by the Romans.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5:2	<p><b>Announcement of the Coming of a New Ruler</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bethlehem is given a special place of honor – the future birthplace of the Messiah..... Mat 2:5-6</li> <li>This Messiah will have His origins from Everlasting</li> </ul>

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

**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