

**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**

- A bright future for God's people and ultimate victory for God's Kingdom If we were to list our life's Top priorities, how would they line up?
  - ♦ **First:** God or Pleasure?
  - ♦ **Second:** Faith or Possessions?
  - ♦ **Third:** Family or Friends?

Passage	Comments
7:1	<p><b>Woe is Me!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micah cannot find one good thing in all of Israel (northern and southern kingdoms) from the beginning to the end of lands (or harvest)</li> </ul>
7:2	<p><b>Where have the good men and women gone?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God can remove good people from the land or send them into hiding ..... <a href="#">Isaiah 57:1</a>; <a href="#">Prov 22:3</a>; <a href="#">28:28</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ When godly men and women vacate the land, or even a church, who is left to rule or to do the work?</li> <li>♦ How would a godly person even begin to address the problems in a corrupt nation or a church?</li> <li>♦ Recall Jesus tried to address a problem in His home church, &amp; they tried to push Him off a cliff. <a href="#">Lk 4:16-31</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What did Jesus do? He just meandered down the road to another church/synagogue</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:3-4	<p><b>"...both hands do evil well"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In other words, people are skilled at doing evil, and that has become their sole occupation</li> <li>• Are we there today?                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ God's warnings are ignored, so punishment from God is inevitable</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v4. Confusion reigns.                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Everyone asks, "Why is the economy crumbling?"</li> <li>♦ "Why is society &amp; the family falling apart?"</li> <li>♦ It must be due to global warming</li> <li>♦ Maybe if we had another president?</li> <li>♦ Or maybe if we had a one-world government</li> <li>♦ Maybe if we saw all of our problems as spiritual problems, only solvable by humbling ourselves before a holy and righteous and loving God who would rather bless His creation than curse them</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:5-6	<p><b>Society is doomed when the core elements (family, friends, &amp; neighbors) are untrustworthy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consider this.</b> Family strife should be of short duration since the Bible gives us the solutions to implement                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Love, respect, listen, obey, submit....</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:7-8	<p><b>I Will Look to the Lord</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v7. Micah did not succumb to peer pressure or to the cultural whims of his day. Instead, he focused on God                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ This would involve being obedient in every area of life – even keeping the speed limit</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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7:8	<p><b>Do not rejoice over me...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "When I fall, I will get back up" ..... <a href="#">Prov 24:16</a></li> <li>• <b>Know this.</b> No believer is perfect – But our God is</li> </ul>
7:9	<p><b>Micah accepted the sins of the land as if they were his</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ezra, Nehemiah, Daniel did the same ..... <a href="#">Ezra 10:1</a>; <a href="#">Neh 1:6</a>; <a href="#">Dan 9:20</a></li> <li>• Even the godly suffer the same punishment given to all the land through environmental, economic, and warring conditions ..... <a href="#">Ps 73:14</a>; <a href="#">Ecc 7:15</a>; <a href="#">8:14</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Yet, it will become obvious even to the most casual observer that God does bless His children</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:10-13	<p><b>Permanent destruction befalls the wicked</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...and the earth will be desolated (land, sea, air)</li> <li>• This would be a near term fulfillment (Micah's lifetime) and a principle for future demise of the wicked ..... <a href="#">Rev</a></li> </ul>
7:14-17	<p><b>Better Days are Coming for the Righteous and Really Bad Days for the Wicked</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micah looks to a better day when God will become the true Shepherd of His people</li> <li>• vv15-17. Miracles will again be rampant in Israel                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Probably during late stages of the Great Tribulation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7:18-20	<p><b>Who is a God Like You?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God shows Himself as a God who would rather forgive and forget sin – What a Great God we serve</li> <li>• Truth and Love – first given to us from God, and we pass this on to others</li> </ul>

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**

- How can we tell if our priorities are correct?
  - ♦ By how much time, effort, and \$\$\$ we devote to them
- If we do not prioritize the right things in life, then we invite trouble and strife on ourselves from within and without
- We are promised to have persecutions in life, but why add to our problems by not prioritizing things properly

**NEXT WEEK: John 1.** The Gospel of John was written that we might believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and receive eternal life.



FOR HAROLD, IT'S FOOD, FISHING, AND FOOTBALL