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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

12-043-36 MICAH: THE REQUIREMENTS OF REAL RELIGION (RSV)

:00-1:50 Comments on the Minor Prophets, designated in Hebrew scripture as “The Twelve”.

2:00 What is a Prophet? Reference Exodus 3:10 Moses is called by God to go to Egypt and bring his people out.

2:40 Exodus 4:10-16 Moses gives his response to God’s call – he tries to avoid it by saying he is not able. So, God makes an arrangement whereby he speaks to Moses who then tells Aaron what to tell the people.

5:10 Exodus 7:1 ...”Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.....” What is a prophet? Answer: A prophet is a spokesman for God.

6:20 How do we know whether a prophet is speaking from the mouth of the Lord or whether he is not? Reference Deuteronomy 18:21-22 As it regards predictive prophesy (foretelling), the test is whether it happens or not.

7:40 Micah 1:1 Teaching on Micah the person and the historical context of his prophesy.

10:20 Micah 1:2-7 Micah’s prophesy is for all people ultimately; even though his specific audience is Samaria and Jerusalem as representative of the evils of the people. Micah’s

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prediction was fulfilled in 722 B.C. when the Assyrians conquered Samaria and destroyed it. Teaching.

13:50 Micah 4:10 Micah predicts the fate of Jerusalem, and in the year 586 B.C. it happened that Jerusalem was laid waste by the Babylonians.

Teaching – people do not like to hear a message of judgment. Reference Micah 2:6 The people tell Micah not to preach like he does – in judgment – for disgrace will never reach them.

16:10 Micah 3:9-12 The corrupt culture that brings about the judgment. Every man has his price.

17:10 Micah 2:11 Micah knows that “easy” preaching wins the hearts of the people. Tell them what they want to hear and they will follow, Reference 2 Timothy 4:2-4 People will seek preachers who tell them what they want to hear. They will turn away from the truth and sound doctrine.

18:30 Jeremiah 23:16-17 False teachers speak visions of their own minds and not words from the Lord. They fail to correct and rebuke. They comfort and encourage people in their rebellion.

20:20 Micah 3:11 ...”is not the Lord in the midst of us? No evil shall come upon us.”

20:50 Micah 3:8 Micah knows he is called of God, in the power of the Spirit, to declare the transgressions of the people.

Teaching. The Lord always tells what he will do for the repentant, who turn and come to him.

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22:10 Micah 4:1-4 Reading and teaching. There will come a day when many shall seek the true Lord. How will that come to pass?

24:05 Micah 5:2 The Answer: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Teaching. The prophet speaks over 700 years ahead of time that the true leader of God's people shall emerge from Bethlehem Ephrathah. Reference Matthew 2:1-5 Herod is told that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem...for so it is written by the prophet.

25:20 Micah 5:4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

26:00 Micah 6:6-7 Micah's prophetic preaching has an effect on some and they ask: "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?"

Teaching – Reference 1 Samuel 15:22 ...to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams.

28:00 Micah 6:8 God has already told his people what he wants. "8 He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Teaching on the Hebrew understanding that there are 613 commandments for the people in the first five books of the bible (Pentateuch, Torah). Reference, Psalm 15, David reduces

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the 613 to 11. Reference, Micah 6:8, Micah reduces the 613 to 3. Reference, Matthew 22:36-40, Jesus reduce the 613 to 2.

Teaching on Micah 6:8 and its relationship to life, even, no especially, in our time. There needs to be a connection between belief and behavior.

Do Justice – Teaching (Outwardly).

Love Kindness – Teaching (Inward attitude). Reference 2 Peter 1:4 as it is with the divine nature of God, we too must love kindness and mercy. To love what God loves.

To walk humbly with our God – Teaching. “Walk” – one step at a time. “Humbly” Reference, James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5 and Proverbs 3:34. God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble

Ex. 3:10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Ex. 4:10 But Moses said to the LORD, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue.” 11 Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.” 13 But he said, “Oh, my Lord, send, I pray, some other person.” 14 Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; and behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you he will be glad in his heart. 15 And you shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. 16 He shall speak for you to the people; and he shall be a mouth for you, and you shall be to him as God.

Ex. 7:1 And the LORD said to Moses, “See, I make you as God to Pharaoh; and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet.

Ex. 18:21 Moreover choose able men from all the people, such as fear God, men who are trustworthy and who hate a bribe; and place such men over the people as rulers of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times; every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves; so it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.

Mic. 1:1 The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Mic. 1:2 Hear, you peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and all that is in it; and let the Lord GOD be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. 3 For behold, the LORD is coming forth out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. 4 And the mountains will melt under him and the valleys will be cleft, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. 5 All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not

Samaria? And what is the sin of the house of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem? 6 Therefore I will make Samaria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards; and I will pour down her stones into the valley, and uncover her foundations. 7 All her images shall be beaten to pieces, all her hires shall be burned with fire, and all her idols I will lay waste; for from the hire of a harlot she gathered them, and to the hire of a harlot they shall return.

Mic. 4:10 Writhe and groan, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now you shall go forth from the city and dwell in the open country; you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be rescued, there the LORD will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

Mic. 2:6 “Do not preach” — thus they preach — “one should not preach of such things; disgrace will not overtake us.”

Mic. 3:9 Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, 10 who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong. 11 Its heads give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for hire, its prophets divine for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, “Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No evil shall come upon us.” 12 Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

Mic. 2:11 If a man should go about and utter wind and lies, saying, “I will preach to you of wine and strong drink,” he would be the preacher for this people!

2Tim. 4:2 preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths.

Jer. 23:16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to every one who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come

upon you.”

Mic. 3:8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

Mic. 3:9 Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, 10 who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with wrong. 11 Its heads give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for hire, its prophets divine for money; yet they lean upon the LORD and say, “Is not the LORD in the midst of us? No evil shall come upon us.”

Mic. 4:1 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, 2 and many nations shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide for strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; 4 but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

Mic. 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 2 “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

Mic. 5:4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Mic. 6:6 “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

1Sam. 15:22 And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Mic. 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psa. 15:0 A Psalm of David. 1 O LORD, who shall sojourn in thy tent? Who shall dwell on thy holy hill? 2 He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart; 3 who does not slander with his tongue, and does no evil to his friend, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; 4 in whose eyes a reprobate is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD; who swears to his own hurt and does not change; 5 who does not put out his money at interest, and does not take a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things shall never be moved.

Matt. 22:36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

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2Pet. 1:4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises,

that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature.

James 4:6 But he gives more grace; therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

1Pet. 5:5 Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Prov. 3:34 Toward the scorers he is scornful, but to the humble he shows favor.