

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What is the meaning of the judgment referred to in Micah 3:12?
2. When is the Kingdom of the Lord to be established?
3. When will it be at its greatest point of power?
4. How can we describe the difference in God's kingdom today and that of eternity?

SUMMARY:

Micah prophesied of conditions then existing and some of these things that would continue. We have so much evidence today in America of unjust rulers, unfaithful ministers and false teachers who teach men to oppose God and the way of submission established by Jesus. We have men supposedly serving God who are acting as ministers only for the sake of personal gain and for "filthy lucre." They teach rebellion against authority and then describe this as God's way.

The time shall come when all men shall bow before the authority of God. For many it shall be a rule imposed as an iron rule. For many who would walk with the Lord today, it shall be a joyful following of the voice of authority. May the Lord soon come so we may see true justice and true peace. May each one not yet prepared make use of the time while it is yet a day of salvation.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

December 30, 2018

Fourth Quarter

MICAH, PROPHET OF THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT: Micah 3:9-12; 4:1-8

LESSON SETTING: Micah prophesies the destruction of Israel and the coming of Christ's kingdom.

TIME: Approximately 710 B.C.

- I. MAN'S WICKEDNESS JUDGED.** Micah 3:9-12
 - A. Unjust Rulers (vs. 9-11) Psalm 82:2; Ecclesiastes 3:16
 - B. Unfaithful Ministers (vs. 11) Isaiah 56:11; 1 Timothy 3:8; 2 Timothy 4:3; 2 Peter 2:15-16
 - C. False Prophets (vs. 11) Matthew 7:15; Mark 13:22; 2 Corinthians 11:14
- II. GOD'S RULE ESTABLISHED.** Micah 4:1-2
 - A. House of the Lord to Be Established (vs. 10) Isaiah 66:20; Daniel 2:35; John 16:33
 - B. Many Shall Come (vs. 2) Acts 2:47; 5:14; 11:21
- III. GOD'S PEACE PREVAILS.** Micah 4:3-8
 - A. War Will Cease (vs. 3) Isaiah 2:4; Hosea 2:18; Zechariah 9:10
 - B. Peace to Prevail (vs. 4) Isaiah 11:5-13; 65:25
 - C. An Eternal Kingdom (vs. 7) Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14; 2 Peter 1:11; Revelation 11:15

GOLDEN TEXT: *THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.* Matthew 6:10

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 1:29-51

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 53:1-12;
Deuteronomy 18:15-22

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of God (Gospel of John)

TOPIC: LEAVING ALL TO FOLLOW CHRIST

INTRODUCTION:

When Jesus first began His ministry He chose twelve men to be His followers. At least eleven of these men must have been those who had earnestly studied the scriptures and were waiting and looking for the coming of the Messiah. They had made themselves available to Him. There were no preliminaries. He knew before seeing them who they were and He simply chose them and asked them to follow Him. They laid aside their earthly tasks to be with Him.

As He called Andrew, his first thought was to call his brother Peter. Philip also, when receiving the call, went to find Nathanael. He and Andrew both recognized Jesus as the One they had been waiting for. There were no questions asked, they simply followed.

Can we compare ourselves today to these early disciples? Are we making ourselves available so that when He calls we are ready to go? Are we studying the scriptures, watching and praying for His instructions, or do we hinder His calling? Are we so occupied with earthly things that we are deaf and cannot hear His words, "Follow Me?" Do we tell Him, "Here I am Lord, send me?"

CENTRAL TRUTH: A dedicated Christian will challenge others to follow Christ.

GOLDEN TEXT: *WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAS, WHICH IS, BEING INTERPRETED, THE CHRIST.*

John 1:41

We can safely assume that Andrew was one of those that "looked for redemption in Jerusalem." (Luke 2:38) Having accepted the message of John the Baptist and received the baptism for the remission of sins, he remained a disciple of John, no doubt waiting and yearning for the promised Redeemer. How quickly he could add to the doctrine of repentance and confession, the doctrine of faith. As soon as his master said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" he and another of John's disciples turned and followed Jesus. They were truly seeking for further fulfillment of God's promises. After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew realized that this was surely the promised Savior.

As one who had sought, Andrew was now one who had found. With what joy he could come to his brother, Peter, and say, "We have found the Christ."

What an example for us who have also found our Redeemer, to go and declare Him to those near to us and also to have a part in making Him known to those afar off, and then to leave all to follow Him.

Follow me as my eleven
And become the heirs of heaven;
O forsake the road-way broad;
Follow me, and come to God!
Z.H. 95:2

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Dec. 31 – Jan. 6

- M. Describing the Lamb of God. John 1:1-5
- T. Witnessing of the Lamb of God. John 1:6-10
- W. Receiving the Lamb of God. John 1:11-18
- T. Proclaiming the Lamb of God. John 1:19-28
- F. *Pointing to the Lamb of God. John 1:29-34
- S. *Following the Lamb of God. John 1:35-42
- S. *Recruiting for the Lamb of God. John 1:43-51

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