

6 MICAH & MODERN TIMES

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These notes, composed from 2013 on, are based on taped lectures given between 1977 and 1997 by Dr. Ernest L. Martin, Ph.D., formerly the Head of Theology for the Worldwide Church of God; he resigned in January 1974 because of his unresolved doctrinal issues with the administration. Sadly Dr. Martin died in January 2002, a great loss to the world and to those who seek Biblical truth

Micah was a twin prophet at the time of Isaiah, and this was written in the 9th – 8th century B.C. In Micah 4:1-2 and Isaiah 2:2-4 are identical in wording, and of course are both inspired by God, no doubt for emphasis.

Micah 1:8 I will wail and howl, and strip naked for three years! Not usual behaviour for peoples of the Middle East who abhorred nakedness, let alone for a Prophet of the Most High God! Religious people want to water this down, and say he just shed his outer garments, but that would not reveal his buttocks!

But he was following orders directly from God. As always there was a historical component of Micah's prophecies, but also for us, and even more importantly for the "end time". Israel, Samaria, and Ephraim had absorbed the practices of the heathen pagan religions that surrounded them.

Mankind usually "says" and practices the exact opposite to what God says we should do. If asked, most religious 'people' today would say there is no real idolatry or paganism in our modern age. This is not so, the whole world is riddled with it from the strictest Jews in Jerusalem to the whole of 'churchianity' in the English speaking world, and Christ is going to return and put a stop to it as these prophecies show.

Micah was from SW of Jerusalem, and he was addressing Israel, but also in many ways, all nations, that is ultimately to the whole of our world.

Verse 3 This has never happened! So this is yet future to us. Northern tribes were the main culprits, but also the Jews

Mountainous ridges in Jerusalem and to the North are North-South, which makes incursions from outsiders difficult, but once you get twenty miles North of Jerusalem, they run East-West so the locals could more easily mix with their neighbours and learn the way of the heathen. Result, rampant idolatry.

Assyria is the type of the end time power which will arise and

be at war with the U.S. GB and Europe. Type and anti-type of individuals, people, and nations and the cyclical nature of prophecy with past, present and future relevance are threads that runs through all prophecy which repeats itself throughout history at different times.

The prophets of God were faithful to Him, but those other than the Major and Minor Prophets were unfaithful, and like the evangelists, ministers, and other leaders in the religious world in our day and age are riddled with paganism, even in the way they dress. Fish head hats, and black clothing to mention just a couple.

And they are not ashamed of what they do, not a bit of it.

You can see the Orthodox Jews flock daily around the West Wall in Jerusalem, they may not all be idolatrous in their actions, but many are, and their garments, hair ringlets, and hats belie their inner motives. Those Jews who are indeed of Jacob are as sgtuck in their "tradition" as they ever were. The "Jews" of Israel who say they are Jews and are not, are a bloodthirsty lot mostly from Edom, and are very aggressive to their Arab brothers.

The doctrines of Baal are often difficult to tell apart from God's ways as they mimic them. God was cross with the Jews, and even more cross with Israel.

Micah 3:9-12 Jerusalem, build up Zion with blood. It this what the Israelis are doing now?

Micah is explaining that all he is saying hinges on what happened way back in the time of the Exodus as a witness. The first Passover was at Gilgal in the 40th year of the Exodus.

Remember what Balak asked of Balaam – earlier, explains later.

Micah 4:

Therefore Zion will be ploughed and levelled, and the new Temple area built on the Mount of Olives never before in history ever built on, will be desolate and bare rock. It was the mount upon which Jesus was crucified.

This clearly is an end time prophecy. It did occur in Nebuchanezzar's time, and then in 70 A.D., but this is for the end time.

Read all of the book, but in Chapter 6: God is coming to the whole world in judgement. Israel is singled out because they are a ministering nation. Jews in Jerusalem crowd around the Western Wall and in some cases this is an idolatrous habit. In many cases it is really difficult to differentiate between the true worship of God and heathen and pagan practices as they mimic the true.

Micah 6:1 Hear what the Lord says. The Lord has a controversy with Israel. Exodus, I saved you, but O my people, remember now what happened between Balak and Balaam.

Prophets go back to the earlier time to emphasise the cyclical nature of prophecy.

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Although Micah is giving information about the future, but hearkens back to the Exodus, and to Barak and Balaam for us to gain the understanding we need.

Numbers chapters 22-25 help understand Micah and even what Paul said in the 1st Century, when Balak King of Moab on the other side of Jordan wanted Balaam who was the “Pontificus Maximus” or highest ranking “Pope” of the time to curse Israel, but he could not as God did not have that in mind.

The Moabites knew all about the Exodus, and knew of Yahweh as the God of the Israelites. So when Balaam explained to Barak that he could only act in accordance with God’s (Yahweh’s) will in any matter and that he was powerless to act against God’s wishes, when he told Barak, “NO!” the King understood where Balaam’s authority was coming from. So despite the King of Moab’s insistence that he curse Israel, in the four prophecies uttered by Balaam he actually blessed Israel!

Milcom and Chemosh were other of the pagan gods. Even Solomon fell foul of these deceptive pagan gods under the influence of his foreign wives who he should never have consorted with in the first place, as God certainly does not approve of miscegenation or the modern ideas of multiculturalism!!

Numbers 24:14 in the latter days! Balaam was in a trance...

In the latter days, Israel be captives, but under Christ will smite Moab, Edom, the Amalakites who went to war with Israel in the time of Esther, the Kenites,

Numbers 24:15-, and the man whose eyes were opened who knew the knowledge I shall see him, Israel is going to smite, a star will come out of Israel not now, but at a later time.

Numbers 24:19 Obadiah explains which city this is.

Verse 23 who shall live when God establishes Israel. We do not have that long to wait for Christ to come.

Chittim – Southern Europe and shall afflict Assyria and Eber (Hebrews) during a horrendous war at the end of the age. Assyria will be destroyed, and who will come out the winner, it will be Israel because Christ will see to it.

Chapter 25. But what happened immediately after this? 24,000 committed fornication and adultery, and idolatry with the Midianites and died the same day. Paul says 23,000 and the OT says 24,000 in total.

I Corinthians 10:1- Do not be ignorant about the Exodus, but with many of them God was not pleased.

For Paul's time to the Gentile Corinthians who had the Holy Spirit in the 1st Century, and for our time now, and for the end time. Do not be idolaters, or fornicators.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Paul said that all this recorded for examples for us upon whom the end of the ages (aeons) will come.

There are idols today in churchianity just as there were then. Paul says flee fornication and idolatry my dearly beloved. Some were mixing paganism with the Lord's Supper etc...

People hold on to idolatrous ideas more tenaciously, and ferociously than any other. Just challenge anyone about Christmas or Easter, and stand back!!! It is nothing more than pagan Sun god worship.
We are going to find that at the end of the age:

Micah 2:12 I will surely gather Bosrah, they shall make great noise.

Christ is coming personally, He is the “breaker” he will open the gates to let the Jews escape from their captivity.

God is coming personally to break the gates that hold them in, and the idols they worship.

Zechariah 14: The Jews will repent at the end time! Christianity will take over in the Middle East!!

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, out of thee, the Messiah, the Christ from Ancient times, said before Abraham was, I am; so there is NT relevance to all these prophecies. Paul, John, and all the New Testament disciples knew it.

Chittim is West including the U.S. and Europe.

Christ will rescue the whole world from Idolatry and bring the world into a proper relationship with God.

Micah 4:1 In the last days, the house of the Lord shall rule with dominion. Let us go up to the house of the Lord, for the Law shall go out of Zion