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# A Practical Study of THE MINOR PROPHETS

## **PART I**

### **STUDY NUMBER ONE – HOSEA 1:1-3:5**

### **NOTES**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Hosea 1:1-3:5 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What did the Lord command Hosea to do in chapter 1:verse 2? What reason was given for this command?

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3. List the names of the three children that Gomer gave to Hosea and give the reason for the names in chapter 1:4-9.

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4. What does the Lord have to say about the future as far as Israel and Judah are concerned, according to verse 11?

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5. How is the Lord going to respond to Israel's continued unfaithfulness, according to chapter 2:6?

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6. Outline the steps of discipline the Lord is going to take that are given to us in chapter 2:9-13.

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7. Outline the five things the Lord is going to do for Israel in chapter 2:14-15.

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8. What is going to happen to Israel in the future, according to chapter 3:5?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God loves us unconditionally.

LESSON #2: God never gives up on us.

LESSON #3: God's judgments are severe.

LESSON #4: What God promises, He will do.

LESSON #5: Hosea is an obedient servant.

LESSON #6: When I don't understand what the Lord is doing, it is my primary responsibility to be obedient.

LESSON #7: God has a wonderful plan for our future.

LESSON #8: God’s response to our deliberate, selfish disobedience is to block our path and wall us in so that we cannot find our way (Hosea 2:6).

LESSON #9: God finds great joy in our continuous attitude of gratitude for all the blessings He has poured out upon us.

LESSON #10: There is a high cost to sin and disobedience.

LESSON #11: God is in the business of pouring out His blessings upon the obedient, submissive heart.

LESSON #12: God is looking for repentance and brokenness before He responds in blessing.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER TWO – [HOSEA 4:1-6:11](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Hosea 4:1-6:11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Outline the charge the Lord makes against Israel in chapter 4:1.

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3. Summarize the Lord’s charge against Israel recorded in chapter 4:12.

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4. In the final phrase of chapter 4:14, what is the Lord's prophecy with regard to Israel?

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5. How much does the Lord know about Israel, according to chapter 5:3?

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6. What are the things that are keeping Israel from returning to their God, according to chapter 5:4?

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7. How is the Lord going to treat Israel, according to chapter 5:14?

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8. What is the Lord waiting for from Israel's response before they can return to His blessing, according to chapter 5:15?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There are three things that delight the heart of God: (1) faithfulness; (2) love; and (3) the acknowledgement of His presence in the land.

LESSON #2: The Lord is fully aware of what is going on in our land and also in our personal lives.

LESSON #3: The things that grieve the heart of God are: cursing, lying, murder, stealing, and adultery (Hosea 4:2).

LESSON #4: The fruit of sin takes away the glory and replaces it with something disgraceful.

LESSON #5: When the Lord disciplines He is saying, "I will punish both of them for their ways and repay them for their deeds" (Hosea 4:9).

LESSON #6: The Lord summarizes the culture of Israel with this statement: "A spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God" (Hosea 4:12).

LESSON #7: Because we, like Israel, are stubborn, the Lord's question is: "How then can the Lord pasture them like lambs in a meadow?" (Hosea 4:16).

LESSON #8: There comes a time when we reach the point of no return. It is then that the Lord says: "Their deeds do not permit them to return to their God" (Hosea 5:4).

LESSON #9: The Lord is waiting for us to admit our guilt and to seek His face in brokenness and repentance, and in our misery to earnestly seek Him.

LESSON #10: The cry of our hearts before the Lord ought to be that "he will revive us . . . he will restore us" and because we have been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb, be able to "live in his presence" (Hosea 6:2).

LESSON #11: There is great wisdom in Hosea 6:3: "Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

LESSON #12: "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31 NASB).

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Hosea 7:1-8:14 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How aware is the Lord of sin in our lives, according to chapter 7:2?

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3. Describe their hearts and their passion, according to chapter 7:6.

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4. Because of Israel's arrogance, what two things does he not do, according to chapter 7:10?

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5. What are the two reasons the Lord pronounced "woe" upon Israel, according to chapter 7:13?

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6. What two things has the Lord done for them in chapter 7:15? How have they responded to this?

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7. How does the Lord summarize Israel's situation, according to chapter 8:8?

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8. What are the charges by the Lord against Israel and Judah in chapter 8:14?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: It is the Lord's continuing desire for His children to repent so that He might restore and renew them in their relationship with Him.

LESSON #2: The Lord is constantly aware of the sin that is going in our lives.

LESSON #3: The Lord is greatly offended when we carry on our daily lives and we hear from Him "none of them calls on me" (Hosea 7:7).

LESSON #4: Sin subtly saps our strength and sprinkles our hair with gray and we do not even notice.

LESSON #5: It is our pride that keeps us from returning to the Lord and searching for Him.

LESSON #6: Let us hear the cry of the Lord's heart from Hosea 7:13: "Woe to them, because they have strayed from me! Destruction to them, because they have rebelled against me! I long to redeem them but they speak lies against me."

LESSON #7: We need to hear the Lord say as He does in Hosea 7:15: "I trained them and strengthened them, but they plot evil against me."

LESSON #8: The Lord says that Israel has "broken my covenant and rebelled against my law" (Hosea 8:1).

LESSON #9: It is the Lord's desire, when choosing leadership, to seek His consent and to get His approval on the choices that are made.

LESSON #10: When you sow to the wind, you are going to reap the whirlwind (Hosea 8:7).

LESSON #11: When we, like Israel, stubbornly resist all that the Lord is trying to do, we will bear the same fruit of being "swallowed up" and ultimately become "a worthless thing" (Hosea 8:8).

LESSON #12: How careful we must be to manifest to the Lord a spirit of submission and obedience to Him in every area of our lives.

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**STUDY NUMBER FOUR – [HOSEA 9:1-11:12](#)****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Hosea 9:1-11:12](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Why does the Lord tell Israel not to rejoice in [chapter 9:1](#)?

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3. Read [chapter 9:7](#) and put in your own words what the Lord is saying to Israel.

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4. According to [chapter 9:8](#), what are the two things that await Israel because of their failure to respond?

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5. Because they have “sunk deep into corruption,” according to [chapter 9:9](#), what two things is God going to do in response?

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6. What is God going to do to Israel because they have not obeyed Him, according to chapter 9:17?

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7. What three things does the Lord ask them to do in chapter 10:12? State the reason.

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8. What has the Lord been faithful to do for Israel, according to chapter 11:4?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: One of the things that delights the heart of God is for us to be faithful. He is going to say on that glorious day, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

LESSON #2: "The days of punishment are coming, the days of reckoning are at hand" (Hosea 9:7).

LESSON #3: "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12 NASB).

LESSON #4: "God will remember their wickedness and punish them for their sins" (Hosea 9:9).

LESSON #5: "Woe to them when I turn away from them!" (Hosea 9:12).

LESSON #6: "My God will reject them because they have not obeyed him; they will be wanderers among the nations" (Hosea 9:17).

LESSON #7: "Their heart is deceitful, and now they must bear their guilt" (Hosea 10:2).

LESSON #8: “Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers righteousness on you” (Hosea 10:12).

LESSON #9: “But you have planted wickedness, you have reaped evil, you have eaten the fruit of deception. Because you have depended on your own strength and on your many warriors” (Hosea 10:13).

LESSON #10: Justice is served because the Lord says: “the more I called Israel, the further they went from me” (Hosea 11:2).

LESSON #11: “It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them” (Hosea 11:3).

LESSON #12: “I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and bent down to feed them” (Hosea 11:4).

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### **STUDY NUMBER FIVE – [HOSEA 12:1-14:9](#)**

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Hosea 12:1-14:9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the basis for the Lord’s judgment on Judah, according to chapter 12:2?

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3. What four things does the Lord require of Judah, according to chapter 12:6?

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4. In what two ways did the Lord use a prophet in relationship to Israel, according to chapter 12:13?

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5. In what four ways does the Lord describe Israel in chapter 13:3?

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6. Describe the three steps downward for Israel in their relationship to the Lord, according to chapter 13:6.

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7. To solve their problem of estrangement with the Lord, what are they to do, according to chapter 14:2?

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8. What two things will the Lord do for them when they return, according to chapter 14:4?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord’s judgment on Judah was two-fold. It was (1) “according to his ways” and (2) “according to his deeds” (Hosea 12:2).

LESSON #2: To seek God’s blessing, we “must return to [our] God; maintain love and justice, and wait for . . . God always” (Hosea 12:6).

LESSON #3: The Lord verifies to us in Hosea 12:10 that He “spoke to the prophets, gave them many visions and told parables through them.”

LESSON #4: The consequences of treating the Lord with contempt are four-fold: (1) “they will be like the morning mist;” (2) “like the early dew that disappears;” (3) “like chaff swirling from a threshing floor;” and (4) “like smoke escaping through a window” (Hosea 13:3).

LESSON #5: The Lord says there are three things Israel must do: (1) You must recognize that “I am the Lord your God;” (2) “You shall acknowledge no God but me;” (3) “You shall acknowledge . . . no Savior except me” (Hosea 13:4).

LESSON #6: The Lord explains the process of creating distance between us and the Lord in Hosea 13:6: “When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.”

LESSON #7: The Lord says in Hosea 13:12: “The guilt of Ephraim is stored up, his sins are kept on record.”

LESSON #8: The Lord says in Hosea 13:16: “The people of Samaria must bear their guilt, because they have rebelled against their God.”

LESSON #9: The Lord’s plea to Israel is in Hosea 14:1: “Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall!”

LESSON #10: The Lord graciously tells us in Hosea 14:2 that we need to be reconciled to the Lord: “Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: ‘Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips.’”

LESSON #11: The promise of reconciliation is recorded in Hosea 14:4: “I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.”

LESSON #12: The Lord’s final answer is Hosea 14:9: “Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is discerning? He will understand them. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them.”

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**STUDY NUMBER SIX – JOEL 1:1-3:21****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Joel 1:1-3:21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. In a couple of words, describe what Joel is telling us in chapter 1:4.

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3. Outline the five consequences of judgment recorded in chapter 1:10.

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4. What four things are they told to do to help solve their problem in chapter 1:14?

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5. Why are they commanded to “Blow the trumpet in Zion [and] sound the alarm on my holy hill,” according to chapter 2:1?

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6. What is said about the “day of the Lord” in chapter 2:11?

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7. In view of the “day of the Lord,” what four things does the Lord recommend to them in chapter 2:12?

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8. What five reasons are given in chapter 2:13 for them to “Rend [their] heart” and “Return to the Lord”?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Total devastation and destruction is what will happen in the judgments of the day of the Lord.

LESSON #2: “The fields are ruined, the ground is dried up; the grain is destroyed, the new wine is dried up, the oil fails” (Joel 1:10).

LESSON #3: The consequence of the Lord’s judgment is stated at the end of Joel 1:12: “Surely the joy of mankind is withered away.

LESSON #4: The proper response to the Lord’s discipline and judgment, recorded in Joel 1:14, is four-fold: (1) “Declare a holy fast;” (2) “call a sacred assembly;” (3) “Summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God;” and (4) “cry out to the Lord.”

LESSON #5: “The day of the Lord is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty” (Joel 1:15).

LESSON #6: Joel’s warning given in Joel 2:1 is: “the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.”

LESSON #7: “The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?” (Joel 2:11).

LESSON #8: Joel says in Joel 2:13-14: “Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God.” The reason for that is: “he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.” He then asks the question: “Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing.”

LESSON #9: “The Lord will be jealous for his land and take pity on his people” (Joel 2:18).

LESSON #10: “Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things” (Joel 2:21).

LESSON #11: "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision" (Joel 3:14).

LESSON #12: "The Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel" (Joel 3:16).

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

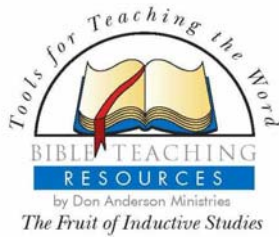
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# A Practical Study of THE MINOR PROPHETS

## PART II

**STUDY NUMBER SEVEN** – [Amos 1:1-2:16](#)

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Amos 1:1-2:16](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Who is Amos, according to [Amos 1:1](#)?

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3. When the Lord “roars” and “thunders,” according to [verse 2](#), what two things happen?

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4. List the eight targets for judgment in these two chapters.

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5. According to [Amos 2:5](#), what are three reasons God is targeting Judah for judgment?

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6. Outline the six sins of Israel that makes them a target of judgment, according to Amos 2:6-7.

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7. What three things has the Lord done for Israel, according to Amos 2:10?

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8. Outline the seven different groups mentioned in Amos 2:14-16 and what will happen to them.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There is a future day when God will, once again, roar in judgment against all the nations of the earth.

LESSON #2: There comes a time when grace turns to judgment and nothing will turn back His wrath (Amos 1:6).

LESSON #3: God roars in judgment against the slave trade (Amos 1:6).

LESSON #4: Make no mistake about it, the Lord is the sovereign Lord over all the nations of the world.

LESSON #5: Edom is judged by God for four reasons: (1) “he pursued his brother with a sword;” (2) he stifled “all compassion;” (3) “his anger raged continually;” and (4) “his fury flamed unchecked” (Amos 1:11).

LESSON #6: God’s judgment on Ammon is because they “ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead” ([Amos 1:13](#)). The lesson I’m learning from this is: Don’t mess with the unborn!

LESSON #7: Judah is judged because “they have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept his decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods” ([Amos 2:4](#)).

LESSON #8: Israel is the primary target of God’s judgment. They are guilty of injustice, immorality, and idolatry.

LESSON #9: The Lord reminds Israel of all that He had done for them in the past.

LESSON #10: When you’re fighting God “the swift will not escape, the strong will not muster their strength, and the warrior will not save his life. The archer will not stand his ground, the fleet-footed soldier will not get away, and the horseman will not save his life. Even the bravest warriors will flee naked on that day” ([Amos 2:16](#)).

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**STUDY NUMBER EIGHT – [AMOS 3:1-5:27](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Amos 3:1-5:27](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What does the Lord say about Israel, according to [Amos 3:2](#)?

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3. What does the Lord always do, according to [Amos 3:7](#)?

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4. What two things does the Lord accuse Israel of doing, according to Amos 3:10?

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5. Find the key phrase that occurs in Amos 4:6, 8, 9, 10 & 11.

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6. Because of their unwillingness to repent, what does the prophet command them to do in Amos 4:12?

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7. What does the Lord recommend that Israel do, according to Amos 5:4?

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8. What does the Lord say He is going to do to them, according to Amos 5:27?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: With greater privilege goes greater responsibility.

LESSON #2: It delights the heart of God when we walk together with Him.

LESSON #3: The sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants, the prophets.

LESSON #4: The Lord says, "They do not know how to do right" (Amos 3:10).

LESSON #5: There comes a time when the sovereign Lord swears by His holiness that He is going to bring judgment (Amos 4:2).

LESSON #6: Five times we have the recurring phrase in this passage: "'You have not returned to me,' declares the Lord" (Amos 4:6, 8, 9, 10, 11).

LESSON #7: When all the channels have been exhausted, the only thing left is to "Prepare to meet your God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12).

LESSON #8: It grieves the heart of God to have to judge His people.

LESSON #9: "This is what the Lord says . . . 'Seek me and live'" (Amos 5:4).

LESSON #10: In Amos 5:6 we are to "Seek the Lord and live."

LESSON #11: In Amos 5:14 we are to "Seek good, not evil, that you may live."

LESSON #12: The Lord's supreme desire is to "let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24).

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

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**STUDY NUMBER NINE – [AMOS 6:1-7:17](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Amos 6:1-7:17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What two things does the Lord have to say in judgment against Judah and Israel in Amos 6:1?

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3. What two things does He accuse them of, according to Amos 6:3?

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4. What is going to happen to Israel, according to Amos 6:7?

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5. What have they done to “justice” and “righteousness,” according to Amos 6:12?

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6. What four things does Amaziah tell Amos to do, according to Amos 7:12?

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7. What does Amos say about himself in responding to Amaziah, according to Amos 7:14?

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8. What are the five prophecies that Amos makes against Amaziah and Israel in Amos 7:17?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The leadership of both Israel and Judah are condemned for being “complacent” in their service (Amos 6:1).

LESSON #2: Putting off the certainty of judgment in your mind does not delay it a single day as far as God is concerned.

LESSON #3: There are eight things which these officials are doing that really offend the Lord. They are: (1) "You put off the evil day;" (2) "you . . . bring near a reign of terror;" (3) "You lie on beds inlaid with ivory;" (4) "you . . . lounge on your couches;" (5) "You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves;" (6) "You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments;" (7) "You drink wine by the bowlful;" and (8) "you . . . use the finest lotions" (Amos 6:3-6).

LESSON #4: "Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end" (Amos 6:7).

LESSON #5: The Lord "abhor(s) the pride of Jacob" (Amos 6:8).

LESSON #6: "You have turned justice into poison and the fruit of righteousness into bitterness" (Amos 6:12).

LESSON #7: We have witnessed the awesome power of prayer in moving God's hand to change a judgment in response to the prayer of Amos.

LESSON #8: Everyone will be tested and judged by the plumb line of His Word.

LESSON #9: Amaziah tries to avoid the message of Amos by telling him to "get out," "go back," "earn," and "do" everything in Judah and leave Israel (Amos 7:12).

LESSON #10: The only credentials that Amos has is a word from the Lord: "Go prophesy to my people Israel" (Amos 7:15).

LESSON #11: What a horrible price is paid for those who refuse to repent and who are determined to resist God's plan and purpose.

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**STUDY NUMBER TEN – AMOS 8:1-9:15****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Amos 8:1-9:15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What did the Lord show to Amos in Amos 8:1-2 and what was the interpretation of it?

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3. What does the Lord say He will do in Amos 8:7?

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4. What is the Lord going to do in Amos 8:11-12?

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5. What two things does the Lord say about His divine judgment in Amos 9:1?

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6. What do you think the Lord means by the phrase in Amos 9:4: “I will fix my eyes upon them for evil and not for good.”

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7. What is the Lord looking at, according to Amos 9:8?

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8. What is the Lord going to do, according to Amos 9:11?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There is a time when grace runs out and God turns to judgment.

LESSON #2: “The time is ripe for my people Israel; I will spare them no longer” (Amos 8:2).

LESSON #3: The Lord says, “I will never forget anything they have done” (Amos 8:7).

LESSON #4: The Lord promises that there will be a “famine of hearing the words of the Lord” that will be coming upon Israel (Amos 8:11).

LESSON #5: In the day of judgment, “not one will get away, none will escape” (Amos 9:1).

LESSON #6: The Lord says, “I will fix my eyes upon them for evil and not for good” (Amos 9:4).

LESSON #7: “Surely the eyes of the Sovereign Lord are on the sinful kingdom.” (Amos 9:8).

LESSON #8: The Lord promises: “In that day I will restore David’s fallen tent. I will repair its broken places, restore its ruins, and build it as it used to be” (Amos 9:11).

LESSON #9: The Lord promises there will be days of great prosperity in the future.

LESSON #10: The Lord promises to “plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them” (Amos 9:15).

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**STUDY NUMBER ELEVEN – OBADIAH 1:1-21****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Obadiah 1:1-21 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.  


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2. What nation is the focus of divine judgment in the book of Obadiah?  


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3. What two things does the Lord say He is going to do to this nation, according to Obadiah 1:2?  


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4. What is it that has deceived the Edomites, according to Obadiah 1:3?  


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5. What does the Lord say He is going to do to Edom, according to Obadiah 1:4?  


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6. What has caused the judgment upon Edom, according to Obadiah 1:10? And what are the two results of that judgment?  


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7. What eight things does the Lord say that they should not do, according to Obadiah 1:12-14?  


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8. What three things does the Lord announce for the future, according to Obadiah 1:15?  


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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When the Lord withdraws His blessing in the face of blatant disobedience, He can make us “small” and “utterly despised” (Obadiah 1:2).

LESSON #2: “The pride of [our] hearts can deceive [us]” (Obadiah 1:3).

LESSON #3: The Lord warns that even though “you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars,” “[I am completely able to] bring you down” (Obadiah 1:4).

LESSON #4: The Lord says to Edom that it is possible to live in such denial that you won’t even be aware that “your allies will force you to the border; your friends will deceive and overpower you” and your friends “who eat your bread will set a trap for you” (Obadiah 1:7).

LESSON #5: God’s judgment on Edom will be very severe. “Your warriors . . . will be terrified, and everyone in Esau’s mountains will be cut down in the slaughter” (Obadiah 1:9).

LESSON #6: Because of what they did to Jacob, they “will be covered with shame” and “be destroyed forever” (Obadiah 1:10).

LESSON #7: There are eight things that the Lord tells Edom they shouldn’t have done:  
 (1) “You should not look down on your brother in the day of his misfortune;”  
 (2) “You should not . . . rejoice over the people of Judah in the day of their destruction;”  
 (3) “You should not . . . boast so much in the day of their trouble;” (4) “You should not march through the gates of my people in the day of their disaster;” (5) “You should not . . . look down on them in their calamity in the day of their disaster;” (6) “You should not . . . seize their wealth in the day of their disaster;” (7) “You should not wait at the crossroads to cut down their fugitives;” and (8) “You should not . . . hand over their survivors in the day of their trouble” (Obadiah 1:12-14).

LESSON #8: “The day of the Lord is near for all nations” (Obadiah 1:15).

LESSON #9: “As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head” (Obadiah 1:15).

LESSON #10: The Lord promises in Obadiah 1:17 that “on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and the house of Jacob will possess its inheritance.”

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**STUDY NUMBER TWELVE – [JONAH 1:1-4:11](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Jonah 1:1-4:11 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What did the Lord command Jonah to do, according to Jonah 1:2?

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3. What was Jonah’s response to the command of the Lord, according to Jonah 1:3?

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4. What does Jonah tell the sailors to do in Jonah 1:12? Why does he tell them?

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5. What does Jonah do when he is swallowed by the fish, according to Jonah 2:1?

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6. What did Jonah do when he was delivered from the fish, according to Jonah 3:1-3?

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7. How did the Ninevites respond to Jonah's message, according to Jonah 3:5?

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8. How does Jonah respond to the Lord sparing the Ninevites, according to Jonah 4:1-3?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We will save ourselves a lot of trouble if we will respond immediately to the known will of God for our lives.

LESSON #2: The Lord uses the storm and the fish as part of His plan for recovery of His wayward servant.

LESSON #3: Jonah's testimony to the sailors is: "I am a Hebrew and I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the land" (Jonah 1:9).

LESSON #4: Delay in response to the Lord will cause the sea to keep "getting rougher and rougher" (Jonah 1:11).

LESSON #5: Jonah admits: "I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you" (Jonah 1:12).

LESSON #6: Jonah, from the belly of the fish, cries: "In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry" (Jonah 2:2).

LESSON #7: "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple" (Jonah 2:7).

LESSON #8: He concludes his prayer with the statement: “Salvation comes from the Lord” (Jonah 2:9).

LESSON #9: Jonah got a second chance and “Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh” (Jonah 3:3).

LESSON #10: “The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth” (Jonah 3:5).

LESSON #11: In response to their repentance, the Lord “had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened” (Jonah 3:10).

LESSON #12: Jonah got very angry because the Lord didn’t do what Jonah said He would do in an act of judgment (Jonah 4:1).

LESSON #13: Jonah’s response sounds like Elijah’s response when he is running away from the Lord: “Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live” (Jonah 4:3).

LESSON #14: The Lord’s final question is: “Should I not be concerned about that great city?” (Jonah 4:11).

**ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

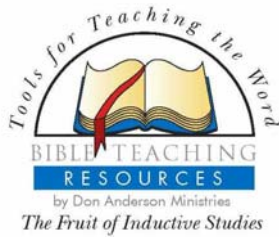
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# A Practical Study of THE MINOR PROPHETS

## **PART III**

### **STUDY NUMBER THIRTEEN – [MICAH 1:1-2:13](#)**

### **NOTES**

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Micah 1:1-2:13](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What two things does the Lord ask of Israel in [Micah 1:2](#)?

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3. What two reasons are given in [verse 5](#) as to why God is coming in judgment?

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4. Describe what the Lord is going to do about Israel's idolatry, according to [verse 7](#).

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5. What three things is Israel guilty of, according to [Micah 2:1](#)?

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6. Summarize the Lord's judgment, according to Micah 2:3.

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7. What is the people's response to prophecy, according to Micah 2:6?

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8. In spite of their sin, summarize the Lord's response in Micah 2:12 & 13.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord always warns His people about their future court appearance.

LESSON #2: When the Lord comes to judge, everybody is certainly going to be aware of it.

LESSON #3: The Lord is fully aware of all of our sins and transgressions.

LESSON #4: The consequences of God's judgment upon Israel's sin is total destruction.

LESSON #5: Galatians 6:7: "God is not laughed at, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (DAV).

LESSON #6: The prophet's love and compassion for the people of God is seen in his tearful response to the judgment.

LESSON #7: "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21).

LESSON #8: "Therefore, the Lord says: 'I am planning disaster against this people, from which you cannot save yourselves'" (Micah 2:3a).

LESSON #9: The unbelieving world says three things to the prophet: (1) "do not prophecy," (2) "do not prophecy about these things," and (3) "disgrace will not overtake us" (Micah 2:6).

LESSON #10: Proverbs 20:1: "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise."

LESSON #11: The promise still stands, the Lord will surely gather all of His sheep and fulfill His kingdom promises.

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**STUDY NUMBER FOURTEEN – [MICAH 3:1-5:15](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Micah 3:1-5:15](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is lacking among the leaders and rulers in Jacob and Israel, according to [Micah 3:1](#)?

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3. How does the Lord response to the leadership, according to Micah 3:4?

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4. Describe the ways Micah is different from the false prophets, according to Micah 3:8.

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5. What two things are the leaders and rulers guilty of, according to Micah 3:9?

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6. Describe what will happen as a consequence for their sin, according to Micah 3:12.

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7. Where is the Christ-child going to be born, according to Micah 5:2?

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8. Make a list of the six "I wills" in Micah 5:10-15.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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## **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The supreme desire of our Lord is expressed in Amos 5:24: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

LESSON #2: False leaders are selfish, greedy, proud, takers, thirsty for power and are liars.

LESSON #3: True leaders are servants, sacrificial, humble, givers, pursuing the good of others, and truthful.

LESSON #4: The message of false prophets can be manipulated by money.

LESSON #5: Micah says that he is "filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might" (Micah 3:8).

LESSON #6: Micah is a faithful prophet in declaring to Jacob his transgression and to Israel, his sin (Micah 3:8).

LESSON #7: The leaders of the house of Jacob are guilty of: (1) despising justice, and (2) distorting all that is right (Micah 3:9)

LESSON #8: A glorious future day is coming when the Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords will rule in perfect righteousness.

LESSON #9: Pray for a faith that will not shrink when washed in the waters of affliction.

LESSON #10: In Micah 5:2 you have the prophecy for the birthplace of the Messiah, 700 years before this event took place.

LESSON #11: "He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young" (Isaiah 40:11).

LESSON #12: Little people with little minds jog through life in little ruts, smugly resisting all changes that would jar their little worlds.

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**STUDY NUMBER FIFTEEN – MICAH 6:1-7:20**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Micah 6:1-7:20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What two questions does the Lord ask of Israel, according to Micah 6:3?

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3. What are the three things the Lord requires, according to Micah 6:8?

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4. What two things is the Lord going to do and why, according to Micah 6:13?

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5. Outline what will happen to the citizens of Israel, according to Micah 6:14-15.

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6. Describe the longing of the Lord, according to Micah 7:1, and cross-reference John 15:8.

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7. In what two ways is Micah responding, according to Micah 7:7?

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8. Outline how the Lord handles the sin issue, according to Micah 7:18 & 19.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord has proven Himself faithful to an unfaithful people.

LESSON #2: "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself"  
(2 Timothy 2:13).

LESSON #3: The Lord wants three things from us, according to Micah 6:8: (1) "To act justly,"  
(2) "to love mercy," and (3) "to walk humbly with your God."

LESSON #4: The Lord desires that we pay careful attention to the rod of discipline.

LESSON #5: According to Micah 6:13, the Lord's response is "to destroy" and "to ruin" us  
because of it.

LESSON #6: "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and  
renounces them finds mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

LESSON #7: “By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples” (John 15:8).

LESSON #8: Amos had warned us to prepare to meet our God and now Micah says “God visits you” (Micah 7:4).

LESSON #9: Micah says: “I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me” (Micah 7:7).

LESSON #10: The Lord does not stay angry forever, but delights to show mercy (Micah 7:18).

LESSON #11: The Lord does show “compassion,” He will “tread our sins underfoot” and He will “hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea” (Micah 7:19).

LESSON #12: The Lord delights to “be true to Jacob” and to “show mercy to Abraham” (Micah 7:20).

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**STUDY NUMBER SIXTEEN – [NAHUM 1:1-3:19](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Nahum 1:1-3:19](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. How is the Lord described, according to [Nahum 1:2](#)?

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3. What three things are said about the Lord in Nahum 1:3?

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4. What three things are said about the Lord in Nahum 1:7?

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5. What does the Lord promise to the children of Israel, according to Nahum 1:13?

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6. Describe the judgment of Nineveh, according to Nahum 2:8.

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7. Outline the seven things that are said about the judgment of Nineveh, according to Nahum 2:10.

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8. What three things are said about the judgment and fall of Nineveh, according to Nahum 3:19?

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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### **LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When Jonah preached, Nineveh was spared. But when Nahum comes, the judgment falls.

LESSON #2: The Lord is a jealous and avenging God.

LESSON #3: “The Lord is slow to anger and great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished” (Nahum 1:3).

LESSON #4: “The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him” (Nahum 1:7).

LESSON #5: “Whatever they plot against the Lord he will bring to an end; trouble will not come a second time” (Nahum 1:9).

LESSON #6: The Lord is in the business of breaking yokes and tearing shackles away (Nahum 1:13).

LESSON #7: What yokes and shackles has the Lord freed you from in your spiritual development?

LESSON #8: The sad consequences of sin are described in Nahum 2:10. Nineveh is “pillaged, plundered, stripped! Hearts melt, knees give way, bodies tremble, every face grows pale.”

LESSON #9: May we be so careful to respond in obedience that we will never hear “I am against you,” declares the Lord Almighty” (Nahum 3:5).

LESSON #10: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

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**STUDY NUMBER SEVENTEEN – [HABAKKUK 1:1-3:19](#)****NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [Habakkuk 1:1-3:19](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. Outline Habakkuk's complaint in [Habakkuk 1:2-4](#).

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3. What is the Lord planning on doing to Judah, according to [Habakkuk 1:6](#)?

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4. What is Habakkuk's complaint, according to [Habakkuk 1:13](#)?

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5. What is Habakkuk planning on doing, according to [Habakkuk 2:1](#)?

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6. What does the Lord command us to do in [Habakkuk 2:20](#)?

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7. As Habakkuk begins to pray in Habakkuk 3, outline the first five things he has to say in verse 2.

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8. Summarize the prophet's final response in Habakkuk 3:17-19.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How many times have we complained to the Lord that He is not hurrying fast enough to accomplish what we think must be done now?

LESSON #2: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

LESSON #3: Many times God is much at work and we are just not aware of what He is doing.

LESSON #4: "Habakkuk, you have been so busy doing what you thought was My work that you have forgotten to be checking in for signals."

LESSON #5: Waiting and trusting reflect my submission and obedience.

LESSON #6: Looking at circumstances alone can often cause us to form a wrong opinion.

LESSON #7: Getting the big picture from God's perspective can really bring things into focus.

LESSON #8: The eye of faith can look beyond the present circumstance to the time of God's intervention.

LESSON #9: G. Campbell Morgan said: "Have you never discovered that waiting is the hardest of all work? Wait, it's a great word. How shall I wait on the watchtower, telling God everything and listening to God."

LESSON #10: God's desired goal for each of us as His children is outlined in Habakkuk 3:17-18: "Thou the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."

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### **STUDY NUMBER EIGHTEEN – [ZEPHANIAH 1:1-3:20](#)**

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**QUESTIONS:**

1. Read Zephaniah 1:1-3:20 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

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2. What is the Lord going to do, according to Zephaniah 1:2 & 3?

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3. State the main theme of the prophet Zephaniah, according to Zephaniah 1:7.

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4. Outline the preparations that the Lord recommends through His prophet for His people in Zephaniah 2:1-3.

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5. What four things are outlined in Zephaniah 3:2 as the sins of the people?

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6. What two things does the Lord tell them in Zephaniah 3:16?

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7. What five things are said about the Lord in Zephaniah 3:17?

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8. Outline the seven "I wills" in Zephaniah 3:18-20.

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9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

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10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

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**LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:**

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Be silent before the Sovereign Lord for the day of the Lord is near.

LESSON #2: God has always judged sin and will continue to do so.

LESSON #3: The Lord's delay in punishment is only a manifestation of the compassion of his heart for sinful people.

LESSON #4: To avoid certain judgment, we must do four things: (1) seek the Lord you humble of the land; (2) do what he commands; (3) seek righteousness; and (4) seek humility.

LESSON #5: The Lord's target of judgment is upon those who obey no one, accept no correction, does not trust in the Lord, and does not draw near to her God.

LESSON #6: The Lord makes it clear that the prophets are arrogant, treacherous, they profane the sanctuary, and they do violence to the law.

LESSON #7: The Lord on the other hand is righteous, he does no wrong, he dispenses his justice, and every new day he does not fail.

LESSON #8: The safest place to be in a relationship with the Lord is to fear him and to accept correction.

LESSON #9: The Lord's goal for us in the future is that we would be meek, humble, trust in the name of the Lord, do no wrong, speak no lies, and have no deceit in our hearts.

LESSON #10: We can count on the Lord's presence, he is with us.

LESSON #11: We can count on his power, he is mighty to save.

LESSON #12: We can match his pleasure. He will take great delight in you and we are challenged to do the same.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

LESSON #13: How passionate are you in your love for the Lord? He will quiet you with his love.

LESSON #14: Are your lips filled with words and singing of praise? He will rejoice over you with singing.

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