

Ready for the rule of God

There are a lot of people who seemingly, or really isn't paying attention to what is going on in our world today!

In the book of Micah, God expresses that judgement, a Deliverer is coming. (This world is not going unnoticed!) With that in mind, now, not when it is too late is the time to hear Him.

Micah/kind of like Michael- "who is like Jehovah"? (A friend of Isaiah's coincidentally)

1.) The Lord is over all and Reigns in His Temple- (Micah lets everyone know that He will step down to deal with what is going on in, on our planet.) **Micah 1:2-4**

Hear, you peoples, all of you; pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it, and let the Lord God be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. For behold, the Lord is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. And the mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will split open, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.

A.) This reminds me of what was said in 2 Peter 3:10-13- (NET)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief; when it comes, the heavens will disappear with a horrific noise, and the celestial bodies will melt away in a blaze, and the earth and every deed done on it will be laid bare. Since all these things are to melt away in this manner, what sort of people must we be, conducting our lives in holiness and godliness, while waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God? Because of this day, the heavens will be burned up and dissolve, and the celestial bodies will melt away in a blaze! But, according to his promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness truly resides.

B.) It becomes more clear everyday how fallen mankind is.

C.) In this time, Israel and Judah had fallen sway to idols. (Materialism, and sexuality addressed.)

- Today, we hear that we are wanting to maintain "antiquated" biblical ways! (The truth is, that what many think is forward thinking is actually "reverse thinking".

- I suppose we think God will ignore it this time!

For sadness as intended by God produces a repentance that leads to salvation, leaving no regret, but worldly sadness brings about death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

D.) The destruction prophesied at their time could have been avoided, had they chose to listen to God and not false prophets who told them what they wanted to hear.

John 8:47 (NET)

The one who belongs to God listens and responds to God's words. You don't listen and respond, because you don't belong to God."

When God brought His people out of Egypt, why did He do it in the first place?

(Rest from oppression! Freedom/true freedom. Resting in God's provision, love and

care.) It is there for anyone who repents of their sin, knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

- Yet they ran to idols instead. (The flesh screams for sin.)The Spirit leads to freedom.
- Where do we stand as a church?

1 Peter 4:17

For it is time for judgment to begin, starting with the house of God. And if it starts with us, what will be the fate of those who are disobedient to the gospel of God? And if the righteous are barely saved, what will become of the ungodly and sinners?

Micah 1:12-13

Indeed, the residents of Maroth hope for something good to happen, though the Lord has sent disaster against the city of Jerusalem. Residents of Lachish, hitch the horses to the chariots! You influenced Daughter Zion to sin, for Israel's rebellious deeds can be traced back to you!

2.) God's message to the leaders- (Do you see yourself as a leader? We are all to lead people to Christ and righteousness.)

Micah 3:1-2

I said, "Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of the nation of Israel! You ought to know what is just, yet you hate what is good, and love what is evil. You flay my people's skin and rip the flesh from their bones.

Hebrews 3:14-19

But exhort one another each day, as long as it is called "Today," that none of you may become hardened by sin's deception. For we have become partners with Christ, if in fact we hold our initial confidence firm until the end. As it says, "Oh, that today you would listen as he speaks! Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."For which ones heard and rebelled? Was it not all who came out of Egypt under Moses' leadership?And against whom was God provoked for forty years? Was it not those who sinned, whose dead bodies fell in the wilderness?And to whom did he swear they would never enter into his rest, except those who were disobedient? So we see that they could not enter because of unbelief.

- It all will be solved by God (Mi.4:2, 12)

A.) So what manner of people should we be?

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NET)

^{4:13} Now we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest who have no hope. ^{4:14} For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also we believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep as Christians. ^{4:15} For we tell you this by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not go ahead of those who have fallen asleep. ^{4:16} For the Lord himself will come down from

heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be suddenly caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

3.) Micah challenged their hearts to be right to have the proper message! (God's word at God's time cannot be imitated. Really have to hear from God.) thus a proper heart!

1 John 3:3 (NET)

3:3 And everyone who has this hope focused on him purifies himself, just as Jesus is pure).

Micah 6:3–5 (NET)

6:3 "My people, how have I wronged you?

How have I wearied you? Answer me!

6:4 In fact, I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

I delivered you from that place of slavery.

I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead you.

6:5 My people, recall how King Balak of Moab planned to harm you, how Balaam son of Beor responded to him.

Recall how you journeyed from Shittim to Gilgal,

so you might acknowledge that the Lord has treated you fairly."

Micah 6:8 (NET)

6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good,

and what the Lord really wants from you:

He wants you to promote justice, to be faithful,

and to live obediently before your God.

They were at a moment of decision. (To listen to God, or their flesh.)

John 3:19–21 (NET)

3:19 Now this is the basis for judging: that the light has come into the world and people loved the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds were evil. 3:20 For everyone who does evil deeds hates the light and does not come to the light, so that their deeds will not be exposed. 3:21 But the one who practices the truth comes to the light, so that it may be plainly evident that his deeds have been done in God.

I believe that we too, are in a moment like this.

Close

We know that a lot of warning from God has brought much calamity. (But, why do we have to repeat?)

Rebellious people against God is the problem every time!

Yet a remnant has the opportunity to rejoice despite the rebellious.

There is no need for a blind march to destruction, when our God calls to each one!

Micah 7:2–3 (NET)

7:2 Faithful men have disappeared from the land;
there are no godly men left.

They all wait in ambush so they can shed blood;
they hunt their own brother with a net.

7:3 They are determined to be experts at doing evil;
government officials and judges take bribes,
prominent men make demands,
and they all do what is necessary to satisfy them.

• None righteous, no not one. Ro. 3:10 (Righteousness is as filthy rags Is 64:6)
The heart is desperately wicked, who can know it. (Jer. 17:9)

Micah 7:12–14 (NET)7:12 In that day people will come to you

from Assyria as far as Egypt,
from Egypt as far as the Euphrates River,
from the seacoasts and the mountains.

7:13 The earth will become desolate
because of what its inhabitants have done.

7:14 Shepherd your people with your shepherd's rod,
the flock that belongs to you,

Micah 7:18–20 (NET)

7:18 There is no other God like you!

You forgive sin
and pardon the rebellion
of those who remain among your people.

You do not remain angry forever,
but delight in showing loyal love.

7:19 You will once again have mercy on us;
you will conquer our evil deeds;
you will hurl our sins into the depths of the sea.

7:20 You will be loyal to Jacob
and extend your loyal love to Abraham,
which you promised on oath to our ancestors

in ancient times.

one that lives alone in a thicket,
in the midst of a pastureland.

Allow them to graze in Bashan and Gilead,
as they did in the old days.