

“3 WAVES OF PROPHETS”

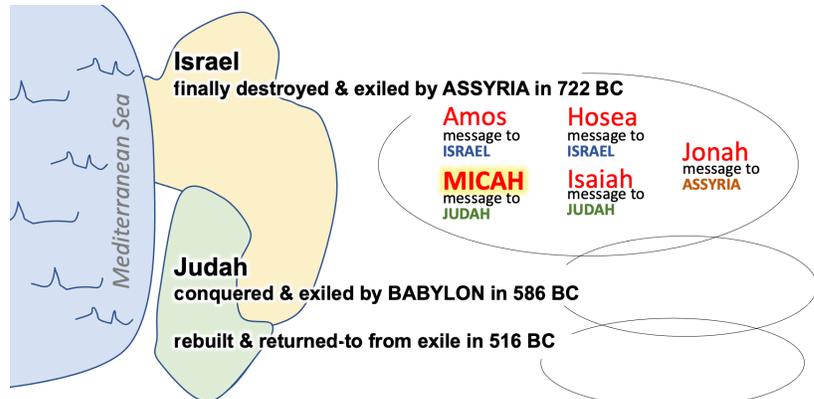
this whole series connects both the Historical Urgency and also the Poetic Intelligence of the 17 OT prophets in such a way that it helps unlock: (1) God’s actual “Personality” of deep-character, top-priorities, and intimate-feelings (2) the proper balancing of one’s spirituality & society-ethics, and (3) “shapes-of-the-future” that God keeps building His People towards

[study #5] MICAH: Judah is Guilty of Copying Israel’s Society-Injustice

— covering MICAH —

ACTION #1. We are covering the whole book of Micah in just 1 week (this study), partly because it is kind of like a twinsy to the book of Amos, which we already studied. Same message: “a good GOD-RELATIONSHIP must also involve good SOCIETY-ETHICS.” The difference is that Amos warned ISRAEL (the north) about Assyria coming to destroy them, while Micah warned JUDAH (the south) that the same thing could happen to them too. Discuss:

- what purpose might God have had in sending 2 prophets to basically say the same thing?
- Micah weeps for Israel’s fate in Micah 1:8-9, but what is he especially concerned about in these verses?
- does anyone recall any of Amos’ message from 2 books ago?



ACTION #2. So what exactly did Judah do wrong? Read Micah 2:1-2 ... 2:8-9 ... 3:1-3 ... 7:2-3 and then discuss:

- “who exactly” within Judah’s society are doing these evil things, and “what exactly” are they doing?
- the very last line from these verses says “and they weave it all together”... what do you think that even means, and what “accidental” effects do you think that has on literally everyone around them?

ACTION #3. Micah scolds Judah for giving 100% effort to being “right with God” but 0% effort to being “right with each other.” Read Micah 3:4-5 and then discuss:

- describe, exactly, how Judah’s God-followers are being totally inconsistent and misusing their Faith
- in light of Judah’s society-injustice that we have read so far, what do you think Micah 6:6-8 means?

ACTION #4. In all 3 Prophetic books we covered so far, God wanted to make it obvious that the “God-Followers” of that day did not “get God.” What very important “ability” is God going to remove from these people, according to the following passages: Micah 3:6-7, and also (if you have time) Amos 8:11-12 and Hosea 5:6?

EXTRA... FOR THOSE MOTIVATED, DEVOTED, & WITH SOME SELF-COMMAND:

GOLD CHALLENGE ...read ahead (& maybe journal about) for next study: Isaiah 1-12

PENGUIN CHALLENGE ...throughout this series read the kings-&-exile books (this week’s portion: 1 Kings 1-5)