

Sermon Notes

"A Smack Down is Coming"

Micah 1 – 2

June 10, 2018

- b. Content. As you read, note here any topics, ideas, themes, or major truths you find in this book. Especially watch for those that recur in the book!
3. Whether you read through the book one more time or multiple times, let's summarize your thoughts:
 - a. Purpose. Try to summarize in a few statements what you think is the author's purpose for writing this book.
 - b. Author. What can you surmise about the author of this book from your readings?
 - c. Audience. What do you learn about the original audience from the contents of this book?
 - d. Structure. How does the arrangement of the material help to emphasize the author's purpose?
 - e. Atmosphere. What is the underlying tone of the book? Angry? Hopeful? A mixture?

Let's Pray:

1. Introduction to Micah (Micah 1:1-2)
2. God's hot anger (Micah 1:3-5a)
3. The sin of the nation
 - a. _____ (1:5, 7)
 - b. _____ (2:1-2, 8-9)
4. The punishment described (1:6-7, 10-16; 2:3-5, 10)
5. The promise of a future deliverance (2:12-13)

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 06-10-18

Getting Started:

1. For some, Bible study reminds them of unpleasant memories of high school English class! How would you rate your initial response to the idea of carefully reading and studying a book of the Bible?

- Bored – Do we really have to do this?
- Intimidated – I'd rather not show what I don't know!
- Tentative – I've tried this before, but I can try again.
- Hopeful – What if this time ...
- Excited – Let's get after it!

As you begin your Bible reading each day, let me urge you to read Psalm 119:18, and then pray, asking God to open your eyes to discover precious truths in his Word that He has there for you.

Digging Deeper:

Study Hint

“When you begin to study a book in the Bible, the first thing you should do is read the entire book quickly to get an overview of its contents. Then you study it by sections. Each writer of a book in the Bible had a specific purpose for writing what he did. He had certain facts and truths which he desired to convey to his readers. His purpose determined the content of his book – which ideas and facts to include and which to omit. His purpose also determined the structure of his book – the way in which he arranged his material. Historical events and situations governed some of the content and approaches used by the author. His own personality and background influenced his literary style.” (Oletta Wald, *The Joy of Discovery in Bible Study*, Revised Edition, Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, MN, 1975, pp. 48-49).

I know you are anxious to get into the details of the book, but we're going to take one more week to consider an overview of the book. This will be crucial for understanding each section of the book in the context of the whole. So ...

2. Let's read the whole book again (multiple times if time permits), but this time I want you watching for specific things.

“As you read through a book, here are some major things to observe:

Author & Audience: What can you discover or infer about the author and his audience from the contents of the book?

Purpose: What is the author's purpose for writing this book?

Content: What are the major truths and ideas which he is presenting in order to accomplish his purpose?

Structure: How has he arranged his material to emphasize his purpose?

Atmosphere: What is the underlying tone of the book? Or parts of the book?”

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- a. As you read, jot down things you learn about the author and his readers from what the author says and the things he emphasizes. Don't go into too much detail yet. Write down some of the obvious things.

The author: his characteristics, convictions, concerns.

The audience: their characteristics, problems, concerns.