

Review

28. What were moral, religious and political/physical conditions of Judah during the times of Micah's writing?

a. moral: constantly scheme iniquity, covet & seize fields (Micah 2:1), lies/deceit/violence/crooked commerce (Micah 6:11-12).

b. religious: rulers were not just, hated good and loved evil (Micah 3:1-3).

c. political/physical: Fortified cities assaulted and seized by Assyria (Isa. 36:1).

29. What were the moral conditions at the writing of Habakkuk and what was the Lord going to do about it?

a. priests/people unfaithful following abominations of the nations, defiled temple (2 Chron. 36:14, 17-19).

b. Lord brought the Babylonians against the nation, taken into captivity, temple destroyed (2 Chron. 36:14, 17-19).

30. What were the moral conditions at the writing of Zephaniah?

Even though Josiah removed the idols, the people/priests still worshiped them (Zeph. 1:4-6).

The Times of the Writing.

Haggai & Zechariah

- EZRA 5:1-2: “WHEN THE PROPHETS, HAGGAI THE PROPHET AND ZECHARIAH THE SON OF IDDO, PROPHESED TO THE JEWS WHO WERE IN JUDAH AND JERUSALEM, ... 2 THEN ZERUBBABEL ... BEGAN TO REBUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD WHICH IS IN JERUSALEM; AND THE PROPHETS OF GOD WERE WITH THEM SUPPORTING THEM.”.

The Times of the Writing.

Haggai & Zechariah

- 6:14: “AND THE ELDERS OF THE JEWS WERE SUCCESSFUL IN BUILDING THROUGH THE PROPHECYING OF HAGGAI THE PROPHET AND ZECHARIAH THE SON OF IDDO. AND THEY FINISHED BUILDING ACCORDING TO THE COMMAND OF THE GOD OF ISRAEL...”.

The Times of the Writing.

Malachi

- MAL. 2:II “JUDAH HAS DEALT TREACHEROUSLY, AND AN ABOMINATION HAS BEEN COMMITTED IN ISRAEL AND IN JERUSALEM; FOR JUDAH HAS PROFANED THE **SANCTUARY** OF THE LORD WHICH HE LOVES, AND HAS **MARRIED** THE DAUGHTER OF A FOREIGN GOD.”
- NEH. 13:23,28: “IN THOSE DAYS I ALSO SAW THAT THE JEWS HAD **MARRIED** WOMEN FROM ASHDOD, AMMON, AND MOAB. 28 EVEN ONE OF THE SONS OF JOIADA, THE SON OF ELIASHIB THE HIGH **PRIEST**...” .

The Times of the Writing.

Malachi

- MAL. 3:7-8: "FROM THE DAYS OF YOUR FATHERS YOU HAVE TURNED ASIDE FROM MY **STATUTES**, AND HAVE NOT KEPT THEM. RETURN TO ME, AND I WILL RETURN TO YOU," SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS. "BUT YOU SAY, 'HOW SHALL WE RETURN?' 8 "WILL A MAN ROB GOD? YET YOU ARE **ROBBING ME!** BUT YOU SAY, 'HOW HAVE WE ROBBED THEE?' **IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS**".

The Times of the Writing.

Malachi

- NEH. 13:10-12: “I ALSO DISCOVERED THAT THE **PORTIONS** OF THE LEVITES HAD NOT BEEN **GIVEN** THEM, SO THAT THE LEVITES AND THE SINGERS WHO PERFORMED THE SERVICE HAD GONE AWAY, EACH TO HIS OWN **FIELD**. 11 SO I REPRIMANDED THE OFFICIALS AND SAID, “WHY IS THE HOUSE OF GOD **FORSAKEN?**” THEN I GATHERED THEM TOGETHER AND RESTORED THEM TO THEIR POSTS. 12 ALL JUDAH THEN BROUGHT THE **TITHE** OF THE GRAIN, WINE, AND OIL INTO THE STOREHOUSES.”

Why Was The Letter Written?

OBJECTIVE: UNDERSTAND WHY THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN. BY FULFILLING THIS GOAL, THE MAIN MESSAGE OF EACH LETTER SHOULD BE KNOWN.

Why Was The Letter Written?

Hosea

- INFORM ISRAEL THAT THE LORD WAS BRINGING AN **END** TO THE **NATION** (1:4; 13:9, 16) DUE TO THEIR **INIQUITY** AND OFFER A FINAL CALL OF **REPENTANCE** TO AVOID **DESTRUCTION** (6:1; 12:6; 14:1).

Why Was The Letter Written?

Joel

- ALERT JUDAH THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR (JUDGMENT; 1:15; 2:1-3, 11) AND PLEAD WITH THEM TO “RETURN TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART” (2:12-13) . IF THEY DO SO, GOD WILL BLESS THEM (2:18-20).

Why Was The Letter Written?

Amos

- **LISTEN** TO THE **WORD** OF THE **LORD** THAT THE **NATION** WILL GO INTO **EXILE** (3:1, 13-15; 4:1-2, 10-12; 5:1-3, 27; 6:14; 7:8-9, 17, 8:2-3, 8-10).

Why Was The Letter Written?

Obadiah

- ANNOUNCE JUDGMENT ON EDOM
BECAUSE VIOLENCE AND ILL WILL DONE
TO JACOB (JUDAH; 1:4, 6, 10).

Why Was The Letter Written?

Jonah

- GO TELL **NINEVEH** THAT **JUDGMENT** FROM GOD IS COMING FOR THEIR **WICKEDNESS** (1:2; 3:2, 4, 8-10)

Lessons.

- THE OVER-RIDING MESSAGE THROUGHOUT THE MINOR PROPHETS IS TO REPENT FOR THE INIQUITIES COMMITTED. THIS CALL IS JUST AS PERTINENT TODAY AS IN THE TIMES THESE LETTERS WERE WRITTEN. WE SHOULD NOT DELUDE OURSELVES THAT THIS CALL IS NOT APPLICABLE TO US IN THE MESSIANIC AGE.

Why Was The Letter Written?

Micah

- **APPEAL TO LISTEN TO GOD'S JUDGMENT AGAINST JUDAH AND SAMARIA FOR THEIR REBELLION (1:2-6, 3:8,12; 4:10; 6:1-2).**

Why Was The Letter Written?

Nahum

- ANNOUNCE TO NINEVEH ITS COMING
DEVASTATION (1:1, 3, 14; 2:6-10; 3:7).

Why Was The Letter Written?

Habakkuk

- ANNOUNCE JUDGMENT ON JUDAH BY
BABYLON BECAUSE OF THEIR INIQUITIES
(1:3, 5-6).

Why Was The Letter Written?

Zephaniah

- ANNOUNCE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR FOR JUDAH, 1:1-7.

Why Was The Letter Written?

Haggai

- ENCOURAGE THE RETURNED EXILES TO REBUILD THE TEMPLE (1:2, 8, 12, 14-15).

Why Was The Letter Written?

Zechariah

- A CALL TO **REPENTANCE** (1:3-6)
AND INFORM THE EXILES OF THE
FUTURE GLORY AND DELIVERANCE OF
ZION THROUGH THE WORK OF THE
MESSIAH.

Why Was The Letter Written?

Malachi

- REPROVE THE RETURNED EXILES FOR 1) THEIR IRREVERENCE IN WORSHIP (1:11-12; 2:2,5) AND 2) MARRYING FOREIGN WOMEN (2:11-12, 14, 16). AND URGING REPENTANCE (3:7).

Lessons.

- JEHOVAH WILL JUDGE THE ENTIRE WORLD, BELIEVER AND NON-BELIEVER FOR THE TRANSGRESSIONS COMMITTED.
- EVEN THOUGH WE SIN AND GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL BE COME UPON US, GOD STILL LOVES US AND APPEALS FOR US TO LISTEN TO THE PROPHETS' MESSAGES.