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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets ✓

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AUTHOR

- 1:1
- Micah
- Jeremiah 26:18

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Major OT Themes found in this Book: 7

1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

READERS & RECIPIENTS 8

- People of Judah, who should repent and turn to God.

STORYLINE 9

- 1 through 3: Prediction of Judgment
- 4 and 5: Prediction of Restoration
- 6 and 7: Plea for Repentance
- Judgment and Restoration are "intertwined"--MM

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- "The mixture of judgment and promise in the Book of Micah is a striking characteristic...These contrasting passages give real insight into the character of God. In His wrath He remembers mercy; He cannot maintain His anger forever. God was determined to maintain His holiness, and so He acted in judgment on those who had broken His covenant."
- LSB

SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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KEY VERSE

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- 7:18

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REQUIRED READING

- 5: Promised Ruler from Bethlehem; Deliverance and Destruction: "When the Assyrian invades our land..." (5:5)
- 6: The Lord's Case Against Israel: "Will the Lord be pleased..."(6:7)
- 7: Israel's Misery; But Israel will Rise: "Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light." (7:8)NIV

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- When you're mixed up?


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LUTHER SAYS:

- "The prophet Micah lived at the time of Isaiah. Micah [4: 1-3] even uses the words of Isaiah 2[2:4], and thus one notes that these prophets who lived at the same time preached almost the very same word concerning Christ, as though they had consulted one another on the matter."

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MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- 5:2
- Clear foretelling of Christ

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LIFE LESSONS FROM MICAH

- Micah:

A key verse of Micah is 5:2, which turns out to be a clear foretelling of Christ. How does this verse relate to the coming of Jesus Christ 700 years later?

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ACTIVITIES

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Short-Book Prophets:

The last twelve books of the Old Testament are often referred to as the "Minor Prophets". However, "minor" is a bit misleading, since "minor" refers to the fact that the books are short, and not that the books are, as is the contemporary meaning, "lesser". These books as a whole mainly discuss two themes, which will become clear as you read them. They clearly exemplify God's love for humans, as laid out in Genesis 1:1-3. He saw God dealing very clearly with his people—there are clear consequences for their actions. Also, several of these books point toward the coming Messiah through the building of the temple in Jerusalem. This will be the same temple that Jesus visits in John 2:19, and the curtain of which is torn at Jesus' death in Matthew 27:51. These bold prophets speak directly with God and often have to tell the people of the terrible judgments against them. Sometimes, they have the honor of telling of God's blessings.

The following are some key verses for each of the twelve short-booked prophets. Read the verses and try to determine the major theme of the book. Feel free to read more verses from the book if you need more help. Please use at least two complete sentences for each. Since there is not enough space below, please answer these using your own lined paper.

Hosea: 1:1-14
 Joel: 1:1-2; 3:1-2
 Amos: 1:1; 9:1-10
 Obadiah: 1:1, 15
 Jonah: 1:1-2; 3:1-10
 Micah: 1:1, 12
 Nahum: 1:1-6
 Habakkuk: 1: 1-4
 Zephaniah: 1: 1-4; 3: 12-17
 Haggai: 1:1, 1:13-15
 Zechariah: 8: 9-13 ; 14:1
 Malachi: 1:4; 4:1-6
