

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Micah 2:1-13

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. Describe one way that the wicked reaped what they sowed when God judged them.

They coveted and seized the fields and homes of others; therefore, God parceled out their lands and their homes to their captors.

2. Why did the wicked want the true prophets of God to stop preaching?

The true prophets of God were preaching that God would bring disaster upon the wicked as punishment for their refusal to turn from their sins and obey God’s law. They did not want to hear about their sins and the coming judgement of God upon them if they did not repent.

3. Give a reason why the wicked did not fear the prophets’ threat of God’s just judgment.

They argued from Scripture and their traditions that because God is patient and slow to anger that He would not punish them. Their prosperity was a “false sign” to them of God’s favor and protection.

4. How did the wicked treat their fellow Judeans, especially in and around Jerusalem?

They rose up as an enemy against them when they stole from them.

5. What kind of prophet or preacher did Micah say the wicked wanted to hear?

Ones who uttered empty falsehoods; who preached of wine and strong drink; who encouraged destructive pleasures.

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