

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further ***International Bible Lessons***

Micah 3:1-12

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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. When did some of the prophets cry “Peace,” and who did they declare war against?

When people gave them what they wanted, the false prophets told them what they wanted to hear. When a person did not give them what they wanted, they made war against them in ways that would hurt them. Micah described this as giving or refusing to give a false prophet something to eat.

2. What did God say His judgment would be upon these false prophets?

God would not speak to them or through them, and they would be left in the dark (out of the light and apart from God, Who is the light). They would not receive a revelation from God to encourage themselves or others. When they seek an answer from God, they will not receive an answer.

3. How did Micah describe himself in contrast to the false prophets?

Micah was filled with power and the Spirit of the LORD. He declared the truth about justice and their sins.

4. What do some people abhor, and who did Micah accuse of perverting all equity?

Some abhor justice and Micah accused the rulers, chiefs, and nobles of perverting justice or fairness in financial transactions, of not giving to people what they owe them; such as, giving them the true value of a home after all debts have been deducted.

5. Who does Micah accuse of doing all they do for money, and what do these people say about the LORD?

The rulers, the priests, and the prophets do everything for money instead of for God and His people as true servants of the LORD. They say that the LORD is with them and will not punish them. They attribute their success to the blessing of the LORD, and not to their perverting justice, stealing from others, and loving money instead of God.

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