

Syllabus for Class on An Exposition of Jonah and Micah

I. Class Description

This class helps the student gain an understanding of two prophetic books of the Bible called Jonah and Micah. In a day in which the messages of God's Old Testament prophets are so needed, this class seeks to show the absolute relevancy of two of God's prophets. The book of Jonah reminds us, just as it did the original Israelite audience, of God's "offensive" mercy toward the worst of sinners. Micah, a mini-Isaiah, as it has been called, teaches about God's disgust with false religion that is merely external in formality, lacking internal love and devotion to God and others. Mixed together in both books are messages of judgment and salvation, the former of which is threatened against those who do not repent and believe God's truth, the latter of which is promised to those who look to the Lord with a heart that says, "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression..." (Micah 7:18) and "Salvation belongs to the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

II. Class Objectives

This class aims:

- A. To discern the pericopes (passages) of both Jonah and Micah through supporting exegesis.
- B. To address culturally relevant issues within each book like the historicity of Jonah, the story of the great fish, the miraculous activity of God, biblical justice vs. social justice, etc.
- C. To recognize God's unified salvation program through Israel to the Gentile world.
- D. To love God and his people better because of making application to our lives from the timeless teaching of Jonah and Micah.
- E. To refresh ourselves in the biblical gospel as presented in Jonah and Micah, seeking to make legitimate connections to Christ and his redemptive work.

III. Class Textbooks

A. Required Books

1. The Holy Bible in preferred English translation. [The student may wish to have two different English translations on each end of the spectrum of translation]

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philosophy—a “literal” rendering (ESV, NASB, etc.) and a “dynamic” rendering (NLT, TNIV)—though the expositions will largely draw from “literal” translations.]

B. Supplemental Books

1. Davis, Dale Ralph. *A Study Commentary on Micah*. Webster, NY: Evangelical Press, 2010.
2. Estelle, Bryan D. *Salvation Through Judgment & Mercy: The Gospel According to Jonah*. Phillipsburg: P&R Publishing Company, 2005.
3. Youngblood, Kevin J. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the Old Testament: A Discourse Analysis of the Hebrew Bible. *Jonah: God's Scandalous Mercy*. 2nd Ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019.
4. Waltke, Bruce. *A Commentary on Micah*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2007.

IV. Class Schedule

Class Dates	Passage in Genesis
Aug 19 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Jonah 1:1-6
Aug 26 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Jonah 1:7—2:10
Sept 2 nd , 6:30-7:30pm	Jonah 3:1-10
Sept 9 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Jonah 4:1-11
Sept 16 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 1:1-7
Sept 23 rd , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 1:8-16
Sept 30 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 2:1-13
Oct 7th, No Class	No Class
Oct 14th, No Class	Fall Break
Oct 21 st , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 3:1-12
Oct 28 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 4:1-5
Nov 4 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 4:6-13
Nov 11 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 5:1-15
Nov 18 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 6:1-8
Nov 25th, No Class	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2 nd , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 6:9-16
Dec 9 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 7:1-7
Dec 16 th , 6:30-7:30pm	Micah 7:8-20