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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

Micah

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1:2-7

Background: Long before Micah wrote this book, the nation of Israel had divided into two kingdoms. The southern kingdom was called Judah, and its capital city was Jerusalem. Jerusalem was built on a hill. The northern kingdom was called Israel, and its capital city was Samaria. Samaria was also built on a hill.

In this book, the names "Jacob" and "Israel" can refer either to the nation of Israel or to one of its kingdoms.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Micah told the earth and all that is in it to let the Lord Yahweh be a witness against them from his holy temple. [1:2]
- ☐ Micah said that Yahweh would trample on the high places of the earth. [1:3,4]
- ☐ Yahweh would do this because of Jacob's transgression and Israel's sin. [1:5]
- ☐ Yahweh said what he would do to Samaria. [1:6-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Micah tell the people to do? [1:2]
He told them to listen and to let the Lord Yahweh be a witness against them.
2. On what would Yahweh come down and tread? [1:3]
He would tread on the high places of the earth. These could be mountains, cities that people took pride in, or hills where people made altars to false gods.
3. What would happen to the mountains and to the valleys? [1:4]
The mountains would melt, and the valleys would break apart.
4. Why would Yahweh bring this judgment? [1:5]
Yahweh would do this because of Jacob's transgression and the sins of Israel.
5. What would God make Samaria become? [1:6]
He would make it a heap of ruins in a field, a place for planting vineyards.
6. What do you think Samaria's stones and foundations were? [1:6]
The stones were what the buildings and the city wall were made of. The foundations were what the buildings were built on.
7. What else would be destroyed? [1:7]
Samaria's carved figures, gifts, and idols would be destroyed.

Comment Section:

4:1-8

Background: Zion refers to a part of Jerusalem.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ In the last days, the mountain of the house of Yahweh will be established above all others. [4:1]
- ☐ People will go to the house of Yahweh, and He will teach them and be their judge. [4:2-3]
- ☐ There will be no war. [4:3-4]
- ☐ Yahweh will gather those he afflicted, and he will reign over them. [4:5-8.]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. When will the mountain of Yahweh's house be established over the other mountains? [4:1]
It will be established over the others in the last days.
2. Why will many nations want to go to the mountain of Yahweh? [4:2]
They will want to go to it so that Yahweh will teach them his ways, and they will walk in his paths.
3. Why will people turn their weapons into farm tools? [4:3]
They will do this because they will not need to go to war.
4. Why will people be able to sit under their own vines and fig trees? [4:4]
They will be able to do this because there will be no one that will make them afraid.
5. In what name do all the people walk? [4:5]
All the people walked in the name of their god.
6. What will God's people do? [4:5]
They will walk in Yahweh's name forever.
7. Whom will Yahweh assemble? [4:6]
Yahweh will assemble the lame and gather the outcast, those whom he had afflicted.
8. Who will Yahweh turn into a remnant and a strong nation? [4:7]
Yahweh will turn the lame and those driven away into a strong nation.
9. What will Yahweh restore to its former dominion? [4:8]
He will restore the kingdom that belonged to the daughter of Jerusalem.

Comment Section:

5:1-5

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Enemies set up a siege against Israel and struck the judge of Israel. [5:1]
- ☐ Someone from Bethlehem would become Israel's ruler. [5:2]
- ☐ God would give Israel up to the nations. [5:3]
- ☐ The ruler will give Israel peace. [5:5]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did enemy armies threaten Israel? [5:1]
They set up a siege against Israel, and they struck Israel's judge on the cheek with a rod.
2. How could Israel take comfort, even though they were under siege from the enemy? [5:2]
Israel could take comfort because their future ruler, whose beginning was from ancient times, would come from Bethlehem Ephrathah.
3. Even though this ruler was promised, what would happen to Israel? [5:3]
Israel would be given over to their enemies until she who was in labor would bear a child.
4. Whose brothers do you think will return to the people of Israel? [5:3]
Probably the ruler's brothers will return.
5. Who will shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh? [5:4]
The ruler from Bethlehem will shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh.
6. What do you think it meant that his flock would remain? [5:4]
It probably meant that the ruler's people would stay in the land and be safe.
7. What could the people of Israel hope the ruler would give them? [5:5]
He would give them peace.

Comment Section:

6:6-8

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The people asked if they should bring more sacrifices to Yahweh. [6:6-7]
- ☐ Yahweh required people to act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. [6:7-8]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was the first question the people of Israel asked? [6:6]
They asked what they should bring to Yahweh.
2. What kinds of offerings did the people ask about bringing to Yahweh? [6:6-7]
They asked about bringing burnt offerings, year-old calves, thousands of rams, ten thousand rivers of oil, and their firstborn child.
3. Why should the people have known what God required? [6:8]
They should have known because Yahweh had already told them.
4. What did Yahweh require from his people? [6:8]
Yahweh required his people to act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with their God.
5. How do you think people who love kindness behave? [6:8]
They are kind to other people.

Comment Section:

7:14-20

Background: Verse 20 mentions Abraham and Jacob. Long ago God had made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants. Jacob was one of Abraham's grandsons. Jacob's descendants are the nation of Israel.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Yahweh will do wonders, and the nations will see and fear him. [7:15-17]
- ☐ Yahweh will not keep his anger forever because he loves to show his covenant faithfulness. [7:18]
- ☐ Yahweh said he will throw the sins of his people into the depths of the sea. [7:19]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Micah ask Yahweh to shepherd his people? [7:14]
Micah asked Yahweh to shepherd his people with his rod.
2. What do you think letting the flock graze in Bashan and Gilead represented? [7:14]
It probably represented God protecting his people and providing what they needed.
3. What will Yahweh show his people? [7:15]
Yahweh will show them wonders.
4. What will the nations see, and what will they be ashamed of? [7:15-16]
They will see the wonders that Yahweh did, and they will be ashamed of all their power.
5. Who will the nations come to and be afraid of? [7:17]
The nations will come to Yahweh, and they will be afraid of him.
6. Why will Yahweh not stay angry forever? [7:18]
He will not stay angry because he loves to show his covenant faithfulness.
7. Into what will Yahweh throw all the sins of the people of Israel? [7:19]
Yahweh will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea.
8. What do you think throwing sins into the sea represented?
It represented completely forgiving them.
9. What will Yahweh do for Jacob, and what will he do for Abraham? [7:20]
He will give truth to Jacob, and he will give covenant faithfulness to Abraham.
10. What do you think “you will give truth to Jacob” means? [7:20]
Perhaps it means that God would show the descendants of Jacob that he is true or faithful to them.

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11. Who do you think will benefit from what Yahweh did for Jacob and Abraham? [7:20]
Their descendants will benefit. Yahweh's people will benefit.

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